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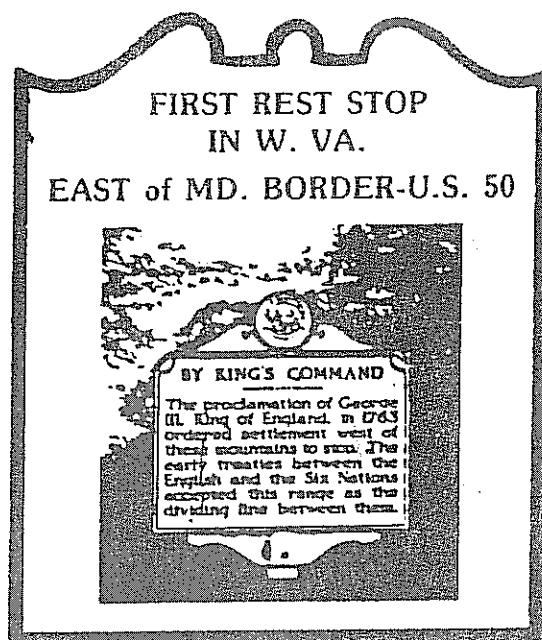


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## ANNUAL GATHERING

Come join us and learn about your pioneer ancestors.

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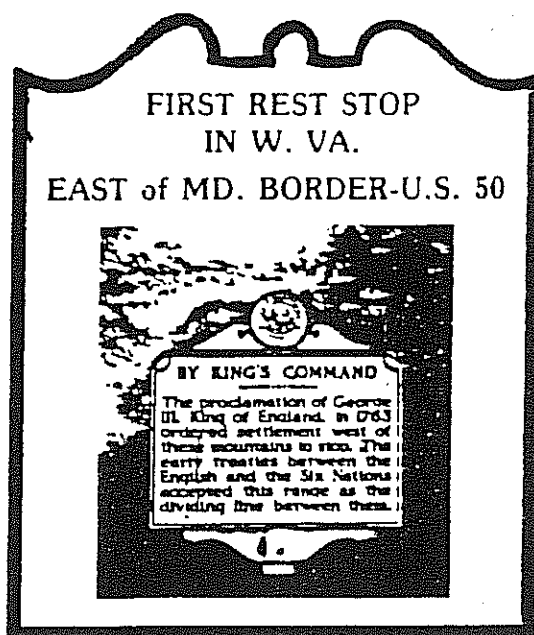


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Coshocton, OH  
14 Jun 1989

Dear Cousins and Friends,

By now you will have received the reunion notice and schedule of events - and the note from Raydine about the lateness of the Journal. I sure that you're wondering " what's wrong with her now." Well, it started with bronchitis, pluresy (I can't find the correct spelling in the dictionary - How do you look up a word in the dictionary when you don't know how to spell it?) and a severe ear infection. I had no sooner recovered from that - and was working on this issue - when I slipped on a step in our yard and broke my leg. Two weeks later, I went for a physical and the doctor found "CYSTS". Ten days of sheer terror later, I learned that they were fibroid and just needed watching. Well, the cast is off my leg, but I'm still wearing an air cast. Who knows, at the rate things are going, I will probably be wearing it when I see you all at the Gathering in August.

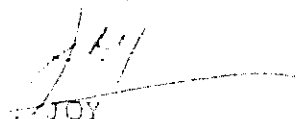
Raydine's husband, Joe, has been through quite a time since the last issue - all because of his ticker. He spent some time at the Cleveland Clinic where he underwent surgery. He's recovering well and is back on the golf course. Now it's Ray who's under the weather. Take care of yourself, Raydine, and get well soon.

Chuck and I are going to West Virginia tomorrow - for an Executive Board meeting - and just to smell that wonderful West Virginia air.

As you read in Maurice's column, the Executive Board has been quite busy all winter - and with no help from me. Thank you, Maurice, Jim, Raydine, Bud and Bob, on behalf of all the members. You help make our organization what it is today.

On our return home, I will be starting on the next issue. Look for it in late July or early August. And, if you have queries for the next issue or an article that you think we can use, please get them to Raydine right away.

Happy searching,



JOY

P.S. Be sure to make your reservations now for the Gathering.

18 Jun 1989

P.P.S. Had a great trip "back to the hills" and was able to attend the committee's meetings with other Lewis countians and members of the governor's staff from Charleston during Governor Gaston Caperton's visit to the county on 15 June. Maurice made a great presentation about our organization at the governor's luncheon and presented a copy of last year's Journals and an honorary membership to the governor.

In the evening, after supper in front of that "super" mural at Wilderness Plantation (yup, I had graham cracker pie), the committee met at Raydine's and Joe's and finalized most of the plans for the Gathering. Looks like it's going to be the best organized and busiest gathering yet. So, come on, y'all, MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW. It should be fun.

From the desk of the President:

### THE HCPD LIBRARY

When will it open? Hopefully this summer. Following our trip to WVU at Morgantown to consult with Dr. Barbara Howe, Raydine Teicheira, Bob Smith and I returned home with a promise of some hands-on help. In the meantime, Ed Allman Bob and I grouped our books and binders and "stuff" in an orderly fashion which we felt would provide easy and quick access. We have four locked cabinets to provide security for the HCPD materials.

Raydine and Irma Curtis, Bob, Ed and I met with Loyd Leggett from the Clarksburg Library at our Library on May 10. He was recommended by Dr. Howe. He was pleased with all of our work in pre sorting, grouping, and arranging of our books and binders. As such, with his instructions, hand outs, examples, he provided advanced training to us. His system is practical.

Irma and Raydine have spent several hours at the library since and have recorded three file papers listing author, title, and subject for each book or binder. The next task is typing, alphabetizing and filing. Any volunteers to help on this pleasant detail?

### HCPD COPIER

Since the last Journal, ED Allman has punched holes in some 14-15,000 sheets of paper, collated, and prepared binders with labels and boxed it all - ready for our Library. He called me for some help to move the boxes. I took my Blazer and with his Van we spent one long day loading, transporting from Clarksburg to Weston, and unloading boxes and boxes and the copier. Thanks Ed!

### CHAIR

I hinted one day that we needed a chair at the desk. Later my phone rang one night and Ed said, "I got one!" Stop by and use it.

### MARRIAGE BONDS

If you would like to try to keep up with Bob Smith, you would be burning lots of past mid-night oil. He has indexed several thousand names from the marriage bonds we copied at the Lewis County Court House. This will be valuable for our Library. Thanks Bob!

PROGRAM FOR AUGUST 11, 12, AND 13, 1989. (Have you made your reservations?)

The Officers, and committee members have met and met, telephoned, written, consulted and have just about ready the program for our annual gathering. Thanks Jim, Raydine, Barbara, Joy, Bob and Ed!

### TOURS FOR THE ANNUAL GATHERING

Using the RC&D Van and the Coordinator, Bob, ED, Raydine and I spent one whole day conducting "dry runs" to note time required and places to see.

### MURAL

The HCPD officers, and committee members were successful in getting several historic structures included in a 6' x 18' mural at the Wilderness Plantation Inn Restaurant. Be sure to see it! and thank Bob Smith for his help!



## HACKER'S CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS - ANNUAL GATHERING

Jane Lew Fire House - August 11-13, 1989

Enclosed is a schedule of activities slated for the weekend. Materials brought from the library will be available for research at all times except for meals, business meeting and entertainment times.

In addition to the regular schedule, here are some other activities we have planned:

1. Joy and Charles Gilchrist will be hosting a "hospitality suite" at the Wilderness Inn, so check in if you arrive on Thursday. Many people come early to research or just to vacation in our beautiful state. We usually gather at the Wilderness Restaurant for an informal dinner on Thursday, then work to set up tables for the Gathering.
2. Members Bill and Susan Seaforth Hayes will be appearing in Harveyat eh Lakeview Summer Theatre August 1-6, and 8-13. They will be performing in the Concert Theatre of the West Virginia University Creative Arts Center. Many of us are planning to attend on Wednesday evening, August 9th. Ticket cost will be \$12.00 - sorry, no refunds. If you wish to attend please send a check by July 10, 1989, to:  
Robert Smith - P. O. Box 37, Jane Lew, WV 26378.
3. Since Jackson Lodge was not available at Jackson's Mill we had to look elsewhere for accommodations. The Jane Lew Fire House is air-conditioned, roomy and conveniently located on County Route 7 just off exit 105, I-79. There is a separate room for seminars, and a large area for research and meetings.
4. Here is a list of motels available in the area:

Jane Lew - Wilderness Plantation Inn - exit 105 off I-79,  
Jane Lew, WV 26378. Phone - 1-304-884-7806

Weston - Comfort Inn (formerly Rogers) - Route 33 E. off  
exit 99 of I-79. Weston, WV 26452.  
Phone - 1-304-269-7000

Bridgeport-Clarksburg -

Econo Lodge - exit 121, I-79, Meadowbrook Road,  
Bridgeport, WV 26330. Phone 1-304-446-6900

Holiday Inn - Rt. 50 E. at exit 119, I-79,  
Bridgeport, WV 26330. Phone 1-304-842-5411

Red Carpet Inn - Rt.50 E. at exit 119, I-79,  
Bridgeport, WV 26330. Phone - 1-304-842-7371

Knights Inn - Rt. 50E. at exit 119, I-79, Bridge-  
port, WV 26330. Phone 1-304-842-7511

Days Inn - Rt. 50 E. at exit 119, I-79, Bridge-  
port, WV 26330. Phone - 1-304-623-2600

5. Free continental breakfasts will be ready for you on Friday and Saturday mornings. Lunches and dinners will be served by Bernadette Law and her catering crew whose meals are legend in the area. We must have reservations in advance for meals so Bernadette will have an accurate count. Please reply by July 31, 1989.

Since we now have a membership fee of \$20.00, remember that spouses or other family members wishing to do research may register as members. We would appreciate pre-registration, but you may register at any time during the Gathering, just so y'all come!

P.S. - We plan to open the HCPD Library in Weston on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the Gathering.

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REGISTRATION FORM  
HACKER'S CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS - ANNUAL GATHERING

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Member : \$2.50 \_\_\_\_\_ Non-member \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Cash\_ Ck.\_

I wish to pay 1990 dues-\$20.00. Cash\_ Ck.\_

Meal reservations : Due by July 31, 1989.

Friday, Aug. 11

Saturday, Aug. 12

Lunch - \$4.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Dinner \$8.00 - \_\_\_\_\_

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Dinner - \$8.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash\_ Ck.\_

Return to: Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants  
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Editor Joy Gilchrist has had continuing health problems which will delay the next Journal for an undetermined period of time.  
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Lewis County Park, Route #33 East ab Weston, has 14 RV hook-ups.

## Agenda for Annual Gathering - Jane Lew Fire House

Friday, August 11

- 8:30 - Complimentary breakfast bar  
Registration and check-in desk open
- 9:00 - Seminar - "Basic Genealogical Research"  
Joy Gilchrist and Joyce Chambers
- \*9:30 - Tours of historic sites
- 12:00 - Lunch
- 1:30 - Tours
- 2:30 - 3:15 - Seminar - "How to preserve documents"  
Fred Armstrong, Dept. of Culture & History
- 3:30 - 4:30 - Seminar - "Writing a Family History"  
John Randolph, Dir. Cultural Heritage Ctr.
- 6:30 - Dinner
- 8:00 - Program - "One-room Log Schools"  
Noel Tenney - Dir. Fort New Salem
- "The Effects of War on Settlements"  
Carl Tideman, Pro. of History, Emeritus,  
Alderson-Broaddus College
- 10:00 Closing time

Saturday, August 12

- 8:00 - Complimentary breakfast bar  
Registration and check-in desk open
- 8:30 - 10:30 tour
- 9:00 - Seminar - "Genealogical Research", continued  
Joy Gilchrist and Joyce Chambers
- 10:45 - 12:00 Business meeting
- 12:00 - Lunch
- 1:30 - Tours
- 2:00 - 3:00 - "Life of a Pioneer Mother"  
Carol Schweiger
- 3:30 - 4:30 - Informal meeting with Bill Adler, Historian and  
Compiler of Yesteryears
- 6:00 - 7:00 - Dinner
- 7:30 - Program - Beulah Land Singers  
Visiting with Bob Wise, U.S. House of Representatives  
Social hour with refreshments

Sunday, August 13

- 10:00 - 11:00 - Church at Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church.
- \* We have a possible five tours planned - to Jesses Run, Lower  
Hacker's Creek, Upper H.C. & Upshur Co, Roanoke & Dam & HCPD  
Library site. A fee of \$2.00 per person will cover cost of vans.

FROM YOUR SECRETARY---

Our membership is growing - look for update on list of renewals and new members since our last publication. Somehow the word spreads from other members, or from HCJ issues in libraries or from our family 5-generation books, and voila - new members. We welcome all and hope they can join us in August.

Map sales are booming these days. I'm speaking of the really magnificent map books compiled by Bob Smith and illustrated by Charlotte Gerlach.

We're beginning to receive photos for our contemplated series of photographic histories. For those of you who have sent copies to us, thank you. For those who haven't - here's a chance to do something about it. Bob Smith says that if you will bring your photos (with identification and note about each) he will photograph them and you may then take your precious photos home with you.

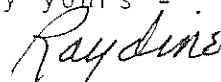
While I'm on the topic of bringing and sending things to us, please consider sending your 5-generation charts if you have not had them published in our Early Families, vol. I or II. I have several on file now, but it usually takes a year or more to gather enough to publish.

We are making lists of people needed to work at the Gathering. If you receive a letter please let us know promptly if you can help us. If you don't hear from us and will be attending the meetings please let me know if you would be willing to help us for a couple of hours.

As you will note from Maurice's letter we have been busy. Ed Allman has been a super-scrubber, scraping paint, waxing floors and staining wood. I did wonder, however, when I found a cryptic note which read, "Ray, I bought another pint. Maurice said it would be O.K. Ed." Have I been missing some of the excitement? Or was it really wood stain as he swore?

Until August when I hope to meet many of you at the Gathering, I remain

Sincerely yours -



Cousin Raydine

P.S. A note to those of you who have prepaid \$15.00 for Yesteryears. It is almost ready for the printer, and we estimate July mailing.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

At the January 1989 meeting the Executive Committee received and considered a proposed amendment to the By-laws of Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants.

On March 6, 1989, in executive session the proposal was approved.

In compliance with our By-laws the proposed changes must be published in an issue of Hacker's Creek Journal before the annual meeting is held. The proposal will be presented for consideration by the general membership. If approved by the membership the changes will become effective Oct.1, 1990.

The proposed changes in the By-laws are as follows:

- (1) Change Executive Committee to Board of Directors.
- (2) Change Article V, Section 1 to read:  
" The governing body of the Society shall be the Board of Directors, consisting of nine in number. The officers shall be elected from the members of the Board of Directors to serve for two years following the election.
- (3) Change Article X to read:  
" Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be elected for a term of three years. The only exception will be the first election when three of the nine will be elected for two years, and three of the nine will be elected for one year.

Section 2. Immediately following such annual meeting the Board of Directors, including the new members, in Executive Session shall choose their officers. Any vacancies occurring among such officers or Directors shall be filled by the Board.

Section 3. Officers shall be installed in their respective offices at the close of the Annual Meeting. They shall serve until their successors have been elected and installed into office.

Raydine Teicheira  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Jim moved that board approve such amendments. Barbara seconded, and the motion passed. The proposed changes will be published in the Spring issue of HCPD, and then presented to the membershil at the Annual Business Meeting.

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#### RENEWALS AND NEW MEMBERS

Milton C. Blake - P.O. Box 735, La Honda, CA 94020  
Lena Byers - 3017 Kevin St., Tallahassee, FL 32301 (Ch. add.)  
Philip E. Bush - 5445 1/2 Lewis Ave., Toledo, OH 43612  
Mary C. Clawsey - 717 W. 37th St., Baltimore, MD 21211  
Mary Ann Clifford - 1103 Connecticut Dr., Redwood City, CA 94061  
Virgil L. Conrad - 730 Woodmont Drive, Marietta, GA 30062  
William T. Grumbine - 241 Laurel Dr., Tobyhanna, PA 18466  
Tressie Hacker - Rt. 2, Box 270, Weston, WV 26452  
Mrs. W.F. Hayes - Rm 109, 7970 N. La Canada, Tucson, AZ 85704 (ch. add.)  
William F. Hayes, III - 4528 Beck Ave., N. Hollywood, CA 91602 (corr.)  
Col. Joel Hawkins - 5215 Capon Hill Place, Burke, VA 22015  
Mr. and Mrs. Junior Law - Rt. 2, Lost Creek, WV 26385  
Walter & Susie Nicholson - 4344 Hohman Circle, Akron, OH 44319 (Apr - Nov)  
Jack and Carol Patterson - Rt. 3, Box 24, Yoakum, TX 77995  
Nancy Peterson - 89 Applewood Dr., Chillicothe, OH 45601  
Marilyn Pumphrey - 104 Chestnut St., Weston, WV 26452  
Carolyn Ramsay - 1117 Franklin Court, Leesburg, VA 22075  
G. Mark Shaw - RR 3, Box 117, Greenville, IL 62246  
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Dorothy Tunish - 5640 Baughman Pd., Zanesville, OH 43701  
Geretha Yeckley - 10503 Hayes Ave, Silever Spring, MD 20902  
The Western Reserve Historical Society - 10825 E. Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106

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#### HELP WANTED

Typist needed to type library cards for HCPD Library. Will send handwritten cards and library cards. Notify Raydine ASAP.

Indexer for the second volume of YESTERYEARS. Write to Joy.

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AUGUSTA PET. TO BE ADDED TO MONONGALIA  
Submitted by Ed Schoolcraft

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The two following Virginia Legislative Petitions were published in Issue No. 1, Vol. XXIX, dated March 1941 of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, Washington, D.C., pp. 32-34. The submission was made by Prof. Joseph Kellogg, Lawrence, Kansas and was listed under the heading: COURT RECORDS OF AUGUSTA COUNTY, VA.

Virginia Legislative petitions.

Petition dated May 25, 1779.

From inhabitants on the West Fork of the Monongahelia, asking for incorporation in Monongalia County. They live 150 miles from Staunton (County seat of Augusta County), on the west side of the Allegheny mountains, which makes court attendance practically impossible, etc.

Endorsed "Augusta Pet. to be added to Monongalia. May 25, '79. Referred to propons. Reasonable."

A complete list of the signers of this petition follows. (Some signatures are very worn and faded. The names are arranged in three rows on the face of the document, and in two rows on the back of the sheet).

W<sup>m</sup>. Taylor  
William Robinson  
Richard Merrefield  
Daniel Stout  
Thomas Bartlett  
Thom. Stout  
William Davis  
Jonth. Stout  
Adham Stout  
Evan Thomas  
Charles washburn  
John Caine  
Charles Radcliffe  
John McInenerey  
Richard Radclif  
John Sleeth  
Edward Jackson  
Edward Taner  
George Bush  
Adham Bush  
Jacob Bush  
John Bush

David Sleeth  
John cutright  
benjan cutright  
William (worn off) *COULD THIS BE ALLMAN*  
Thomas Hugus  
John Richards  
arnold Richards  
Jacob Richards  
paul Richards  
William Runion  
Cunrod Richards  
Thomas Barkley  
Joseph Heastings  
Daniel Davisson  
Robt. Walker  
  
William O (worn off)  
Alexander West  
Jessei Huse  
James Tanner  
Joseph Parsons  
elias Huse

Heinrich funk  
Choils Parsones  
John Fink  
Daniel funk  
heinrich funk  
(worn off)  
Obadiah Davisson  
(worn off)

Joseph Shreve  
amziah Davisson  
James arnold  
Isaac Davisson  
Matthew Nutter  
(?) Daniels  
Edmond West

(On back of sheet)

Samuel Beard  
Thomas Nutter  
Joseph Wolf  
Josiah Davisson  
John Merrit  
Jonas Weebb  
Thomas Webb  
Benjamin Webb  
Samuel Cotrel  
John Nutter  
Obadiah Davisson  
Joseph Gregory  
Southy Hickman  
Benjamin Copelin  
Benjamin Shinn  
Joshua Allen  
Edward Cunningham  
Joseph Daives  
(condans?) Tallan  
William Dawes  
Thos. Shinn  
Saml Macintier  
Charles Megintire

John Grundy  
John Reynolds  
Aaron Smith  
Geo. Grundy Senior  
Adam Obrien  
Denes Murphy  
John Murphey  
Samuel Harbour  
William Murphey Jun.  
William Murphy Sen.  
John Powers

Walter Evritt  
Isaac Edwards  
Levi Shinn  
Samuel Shinn  
Job Stout  
James anderson  
Jonathan Lambert  
Joseph Davisson  
Isaac Shinn  
John Merryfield

(These signatures appear to be autographs in most cases. Some are probably signed by others.)

This petition is especially important as giving what is probably almost a complete list of the settlers on the West Fork at this early date, in the region later to become Harrison and Lewis Counties, WV.



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AUGUSTA (TYGERS VALLEY) PETITION  
Submitted by Ed Schoolcraft

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## Virginia Legislative Petitions.

Petition dated Nov. 7, 1780.

From inhabitants of "Tigers Vally, a part of Augusta County." Asking for incorporation in Monongalia County. They live 121 miles from "the seat of Justice" in Augusta Co., westward of the Allegheny mountains. with "eight high Mountains and many Rivers and Creeks in the way to cross," etc.

Endorse: "Augusta (Tygers Valley) petition. Nov. 7th, 1780. Referred to propositions. Reasonable. (rept.)"

A complete list of signers follows. The names are arranged in four rows on the first page and one row on the second page.

## First Row:

Benj. Wilson  
Abraham Kittle  
Peter (x) Springstone  
Robert Clark  
Jonathan (x) Smith  
John (x) Stalneck  
Solomon Ryan  
Benjn. Hornbeck  
Nicholas (x) Petro  
Christopher (x) Truby  
Valentine (x) Stalnaker  
James Westfall  
Henery Petrow  
Aaron Richardson  
Jacob Kittle  
Nicholas Wolf  
W<sup>m</sup>. Wilson  
Thomas (x) Phillips (?)  
Jacob (x) Stalnaker Junr.

## Second Row:

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Alexr. Rowney  
Daniel Doehantey  
Adam (x) Stalnaker  
willim (x) Smith  
James Littell  
William Cogaty (?)  
Aaron Vanseoy  
Jacob Westfall  
John (x) Yoeom  
Michel Sierest (?) (In German Script)  
John Wilson  
Thomas (x) Joener  
Jos. Donaho  
John truby  
Nichlas (x) smith

## Third Row:

Jonathan Bullington  
Joseph Sumerfeel  
Mathew (x) Lambert  
Abraham (x) Stots  
Elijah Stots  
Joseph Freind  
Cornelias Westfall

## Fourth Row:

Joseph Nelson  
Patr. Hamilton  
W<sup>m</sup>. Hamilton  
David Haddan  
John Haddan  
Charles McLean  
George (x) Shavers

## Third Row (Continued):

George Westfall junior  
William Westfall  
Daniel Westfall  
Joseph Crouch  
George Westfall senior  
Alexr. Maxwell  
Thomas (x) Noald  
James Lecky Guner  
Jacob (x) Riffle  
Andrew (x) Crouch  
Charles Fornelson (?)

## Fourth Row (Continued):

Wm. Curranie  
John Alexander  
John Casity  
Peter Cassity  
Benjamin Jones  
George (x) Breeding  
Thomas (x) price  
Jacob (x) Shavour  
Peter (x) Breeding  
Peter (x) Shavour

## Row on second sheet:

Cornelius Bogart  
Joseph (x) Pancake  
Moses (x) Kittle  
Richard (x) Kittle  
John Croch Senior  
John Crouch Juner  
Jacob (x) Stalnaker Senior.

## No. 78 Signers

This is to certify that I have been appointed formerly by the Court of Augusta County to Take in the List of Tithables in the District of Tigers Valley and they amounted to No. 86.

Benj. Wilson  
23d October 1780

The above Certifycat of Tithables Done by Colonel Simpson Mathews Directions to me.

Benj. Wilson

(This petition and the certificate are in the handwriting of Benjamin Wilson, and the names of signers where they signed by mark are also in his handwriting. The other signers' names seem to be original autographs.)

## PHILIPPI COVERED BRIDGE

The other day I cried -- and all because of a bridge.

"A bridge?" you ask. "Why would anyone cry over a bridge?"

It's a very special bridge, you see. Special, not just to me, but to hundreds of thousands of people - not just in Philippi, W. Va., where it is located, but to folks from all over the USA who have traveled over it, heard about it from someone or read about it.

"So, it was special. But why cry?"

Because it was nearly destroyed by fire on Thursday evening, February 2, 1989. But wait, let me start at the beginning and tell you about this very special bridge.

The Philippi Covered Bridge was built across the Tygarts Valley River in 1852. Emmett J. O'Brien, then a citizen of Barbour, but afterwards of Lewis County, did the stone work. Lemuel Chenoweth of Beverly did the wood work. Chenoweth was a bridge architect by profession, and his designs were original with him, and every principle was worked out with mathematical accuracy. He knew before hand the shape and size of every piece of timber used in the frame work of his bridges. (Obviously, his work was excellent. The bridge has stood through war, flood, and now fire, for 137 years.)

Chenoweth was born in 1811, son of John L. and Mary (Skidmore) Chenoweth, of Beverly. He was active in politics.

Contracts for bridges which Virginia was then building in the western part of the State, and had been extensively advertised. Bidders were present in large numbers from the East and North, with all sorts of models and plans, including iron structures, wire cables, catilevers, stone arches, and wooden bridges of many kinds.

Mr. Chenoweth was there with his model made of hickory wood, as strong as it could possibly be made, not to exceed the required size. So far as appearances went, some of the New England Yankees had models of perfect form and beauty, painted and enameled in the highest art.

On the appointed day the bidders all assembled before the Board of Public Works, and each showed his model, and set forth his claims of what weight his bridge would sustain. Mr. Chenoweth was one of the last called forward to show what he had. His plain wooden model did not attract much attention; but he created consternation among the other bidders when he placed his model on two chairs, one end resting on each, and then stood on his little bridge and then called on the other architects to put theirs to the test by doing the same. Not one would do it, for they knew their models would be crushed. If the Philippi bridge were as strong in proportion to its size as Mr. Chenoweth's model, it would sustain the weight of a man 600 feet high. The test decided the contest, and Mr. Chenoweth was given the contract for the bridge.

Maxwell's HISTORY OF BARBOUR COUNTY called the bridge "a fine specimen of architecture of a peculiar order and of an old fashion." It is a double bridge of two spans, with each span supported by four wooden arches, rising from either bank and resting on a span in the middle of the river.

Just eight years after its construction, the bridge met its first real threat of destruction during the first land battle of the Civil War in June 1861 when Confederate troops under Col. George A. Porterfield met the Union troops of Colonel Kelley. (That's right, folks. Although history teachers all over the country teach our youngsters that the first land battle of the Civil War was fought at Bull Run, they're wrong. I'd have loved to been an invisible witness when my son challenged his high school Civil War teacher on this very point.)

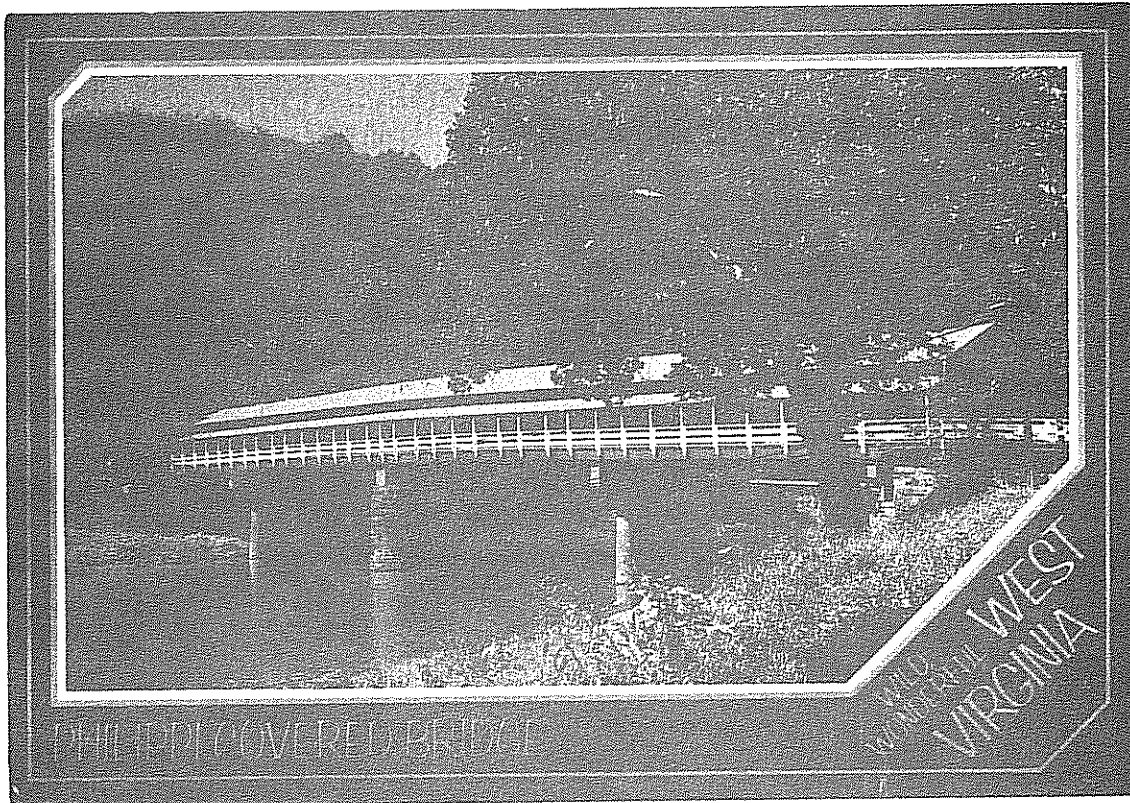
The bridge was again threatened in the spring of 1863 when John D. Imboden and General William E. Jones and 5,000 Confederates swept across West Virginia in the famed Imboden Raids. Again, it survived.

Down through the years, the sometimes cruel hand of Mother Nature was thrust at this special bridge. Most recently, the "Killing Waters" of the February 1985 flood roared across its' planks. Again, the bridge survived - and became a symbol of hope and recovery for the entire state.

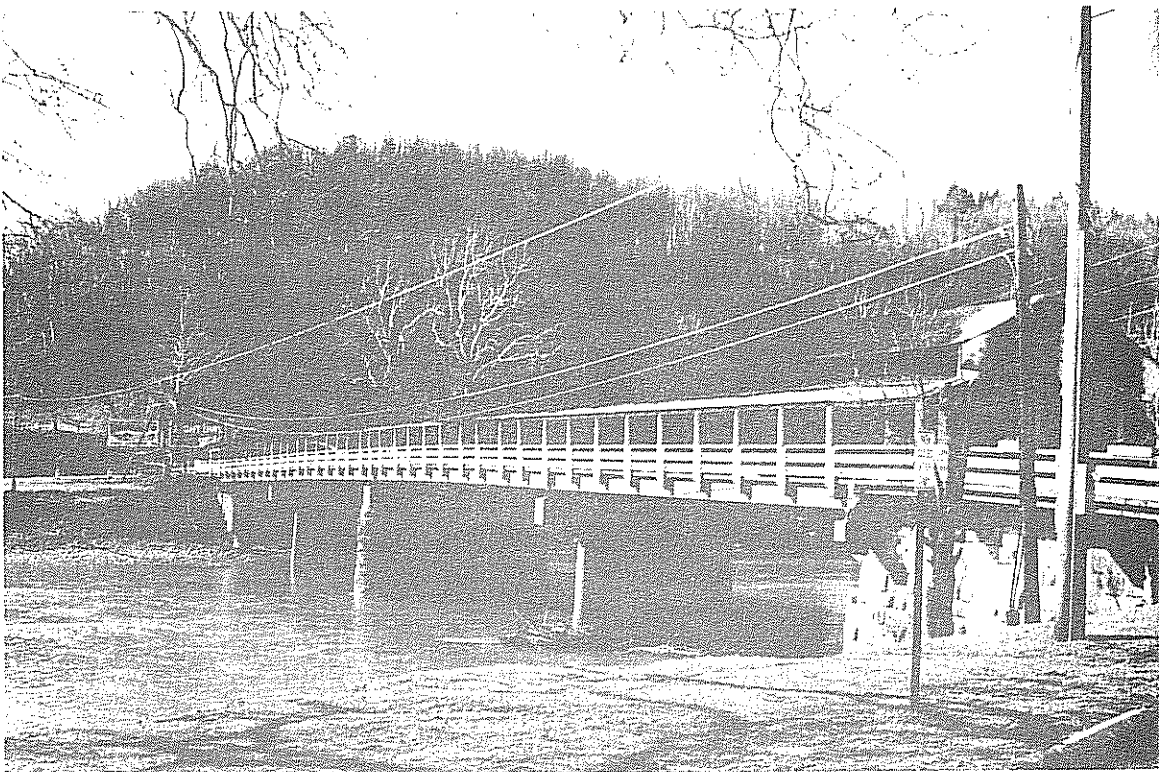
Special memories of the bridge are as varied as the number of persons who have crossed it. I remember crossing the bridge to visit my grandfather who was hospitalized there; I remember crossing the bridge to visit my "baby" brother when my dad and stepmother lived in Philippi; I remember showing the bridge to my husband and children on our first visit to Philippi for genealogical research. Others recall crossing the bridge to go to school, to visit that special guy or gal - or who knows - perhaps someone "popped the question" while crossing the bridge.

On the evening of February 2, 1989, a gasoline tank driver was filling the storage tanks of a nearby station (see pictures) and went for a cup of coffee. He allowed the storage tank to overflow and the gasoline ran down the road and into the end of the bridge. A small automobile (see photos), occupied by a young couple who were unaware of the danger, started across the bridge. The fumes from the spilled gasoline ignited and started the fire. The couple escaped without injury.

But, all was not lost with our famed Covered Bridge. Again, it has become a rallying point for West Virginia - and it is being rebuilt. The mess was cleaned up and the timbers have been sandblasted to remove the charred exterior. (The fire only burned the outer half inch.) Horizontal siding and shaker shingles on the roof will finish the restoration.



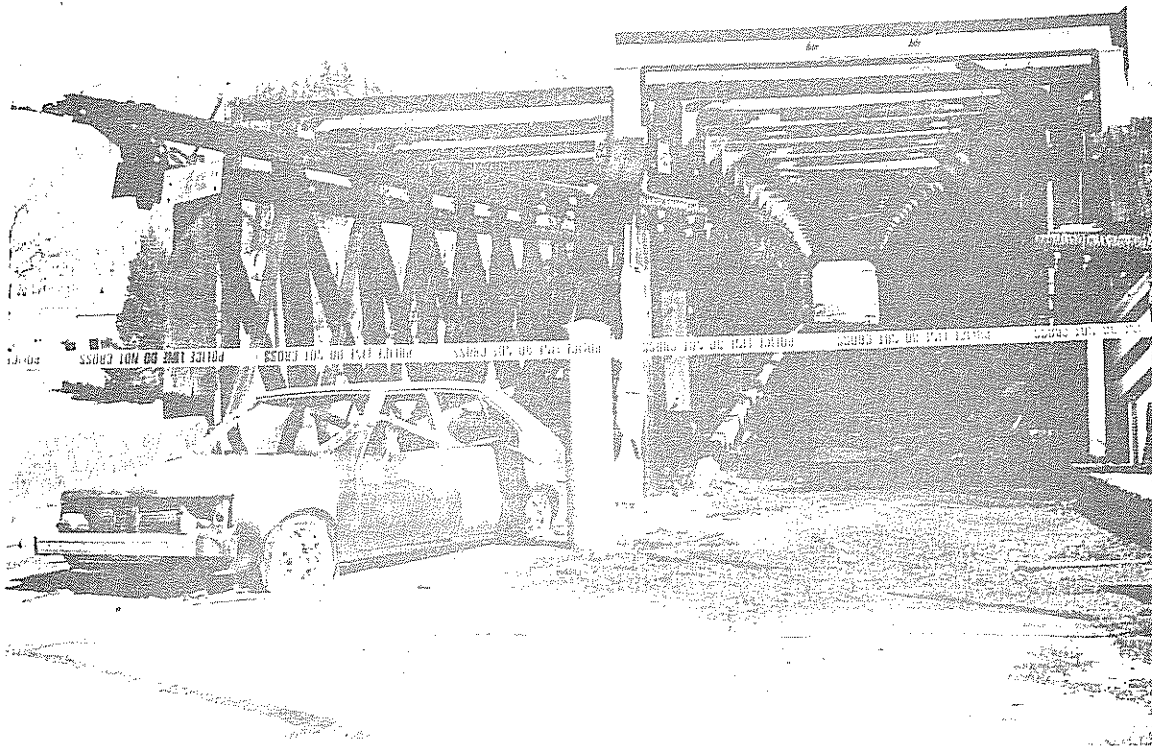
PHILIPPI BRIDGE -- Before the fire.



After the fire. Photo by Robert B. Smith

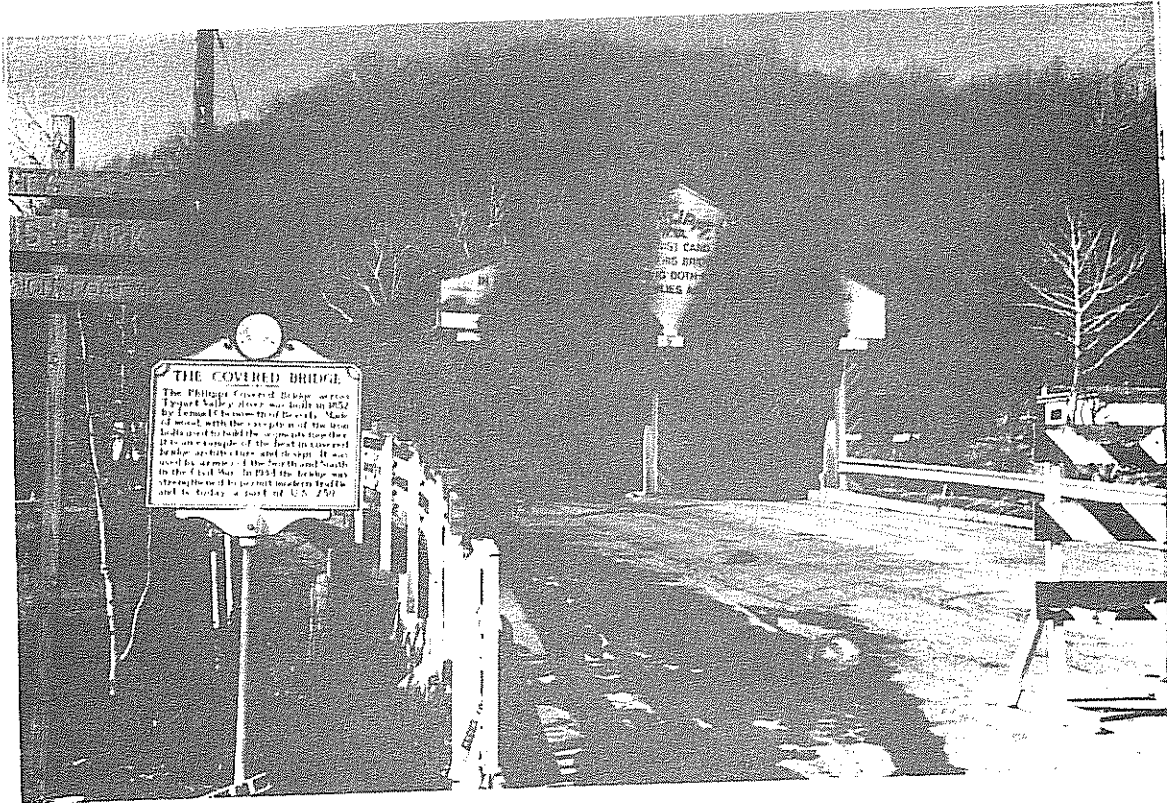


Tank was being filled at this service station. Note dark area - this was gasoline. Photo by Maurice Allman.



Car that ignited flames. Photo by Robert P. Smith.





South end of bridge. Photo by Maurice Allman



Charred remains of bridge

THE LIFE AND TIMESOFJOHN THEODORE SCHIEFER

(1830-1864)

LEWIS COUNTY HERO - CIVIL WAR TRAGEDY

by

William Foster Hayes III

## Part I

John Theodore Schiefer, my great-grandfather, saw his newborn daughter one time only. That was my grandmother, Martha McClellan Schiefer. Private Schiefer told his Company Commander, Captain Michael Egan, he and General George B. McClellan had a verbal agreement that after his child was born he could take a 3-week leave to go home to Bush's Mills to see his wife and family. This agreement also included, so he said, naming the child after the famous (and egotistical) general. Hence my grandmother's name: Martha McClellan Schiefer. She was born November 27th, 1862.

Private Schiefer was granted his extraordinary leave on December 22nd, 1862, as his outfit, Company B, 15th West Virginia Infantry Volunteers, moved from New Creek Station (now Keyser, WV) to Sir John's Run, VA. He never saw his home or family again. Two years later he died, a prisoner of war, in the Confederate Military Prison at Danville, Pittsylvania County, VA. He is buried there today, in the National Cemetery, near Lee Street.

John Theodore Schiefer was born in Baltimore Co, MD, 30 July 1830. His father, Johann Nicholas Schiefer, was born in Hessen, Prussia, Germany late in 1799, died in Lewis



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Co, VA, 1844, buried on the Schiefer Farm hillside. John Theodore's mother, Elizabeth (maiden surname unknown), was also born in Hessen, Prussia, Germany, early in 1800, died 1852/3, in Lewis Co, is believed to be buried next to her husband. This couple was married in Germany, emigrated to Baltimore, April-May-June, 1829. A passenger list gives his occupation as Schoolmaster, but Nicholas soon found it would be necessary to supplement his teaching income by farming.

For nearly ten years they lived in Baltimore County, where they affiliated themselves with the United Brethren Church and produced three children:

John Theodore Schiefer-----b. 1830

William Schiefer-----b. 1834

Mary E. "Mollie" Schiefer-----b. 1836

Then, in 1839, they moved to Lewis Co, VA, where their fourth child was born:

Elizabeth "Betty" Schiefer-----b. 1841

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A little history to set the stage for my story:

- 1830- Robert E. Lee - 23 years old,  
Abraham Lincoln - 21 years old,  
Ulysses S. Grant - 8 years old,  
Thomas J. Jackson - 6 years old,  
George B. McClellan - 3 years old.  
Mexico abolishes slavery.  
Andrew "Old Hickory" Jackson in his first term as  
7th U. S. President.  
Heated argument in U. S. Senate over "States Rights  
vs. Federal Power," including Daniel Webster's  
most famous speech: "Liberty and Union, now and  
forever, one and inseparable!"
- 1831- U. S. population: 12,866,020.  
William Lloyd Garrison, radical abolitionist, begins  
publishing The Liberator in Boston.  
Nat Turner, pious slave preacher, leads uprising in  
Southampton Co, VA. He and many followers killed.
- 1832- New England Anti-Slavery Society formed in Boston.  
Hit songs: "America" and "Rock of Ages."  
U. S. passes Tariff Act of 1832.

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- South Carolina adopts ordinance nullifying U. S. Tariff Acts of 1828 and 1832, publicly discusses seceding from the Union.
- President Andrew Jackson, having beat Henry Clay in the Presidential Election, warns South Carolina that secession from the Union is neither legal nor possible.
- 1833- Henry Clay works out Compromise Tariff Bill, averting confrontation with South Carolina re secession. Chesapeake and Ohio Canal reaches Harper's Ferry. British Empire abolishes slavery. Bestseller: Davy Crockett's Autobiography. American Anti-Slavery Society founded in New York City.
- 1834- Baltimore and Ohio Railroad completed to Harper's Ferry. Abraham Lincoln (age 25) enters politics as Assemblyman in Illinois Legislature.
- 1835- Liberty bell cracks. (an ironic symbolism) Boston mob ridicules and attacks William Lloyd Garrison for his extreme views on slavery. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, President of Mexico, proclaims unified constitution for all Mexico. Texas, then a Mexican State, announces secession rather than give up slavery.
- 1836- President Santa Anna (with 5,000 men) leads siege of the Alamo, the mission turned fort, in San Antonio, TX. 182 Texicans and friends (including James Bowie and Davy Crockett) fight bravely, but are finally massacred. General Sam Houston raises Army of Texas, defeats Santa Anna at Battle of San Jacinto, forces him to sign treaty granting Texas independence. Texas Constitution to include slavery. Arkansas admitted as 25th State (a slave state). McGuffey's First Reader published.
- 1837- President Jackson recognizes independence of the Lone Star State of Texas. Martin Van Buren inaugurated as 8th U. S. President. Michigan admitted as 26th State (a free state). Jackson's Mill built in Lewis Co, VA. Samuel F. B. Morse demonstrates electric telegraph.
- 1838- Baltimore and Ohio Railroad builds west from Harper's Ferry. Queen Victoria crowned.

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Best sellers: Oliver Twist and Nicholas Nickleby.  
Underground Railroad formed to help free slaves.  
Succeeds in passing 50,000 runaways to freedom  
in northern states and Canada, before Civil  
War begins in 1861.

1839- Abner Doubleday devises the game of baseball in  
Cooperstown, NY.

Hit song: "Joy to the World."

George D. Weed's anti-slavery pamphlet: "Slavery  
as it is."

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As you can see, the young 60-year-old United States of America was having serious problems resulting from the polarizing question of slavery. It was not a new trouble, as slaves had been an economic reality ever since the first tobacco and cotton plantations were planted 200 years before. But it was an incendiary situation which would not go away. The North couldn't use it, the South couldn't get along without it. Something had to give.

In Maryland, which was both North and South, Johann Nicholas Schiefer felt the heat from both sides, decided to move to a quieter region up in northwestern Virginia. By this time he had been joined in the Baltimore area by more of the Schiefer family.

Louis Schiefer (b. 1816), Nicholas's brother or nephew, and George Schiefer (b. 1823), Nicholas's son or nephew, both emigrated in the late 1830's from Hessen, Prussia, Germany (probably Hesse-Darmstadt). It was decided that Nicholas would move his family to Lewis Co, VA, in 1839. Louis Schiefer would move to Lewis Co at the same time. George Schiefer would retain the family farm near Baltimore.

Nine-year-old John Theodore Schiefer carried his German grammar books with him to his new Lewis Co home, as Nicholas was determined his children should retain fluency in his own native tongue. Farmland was secured on Middle Run. By the way, Nicholas was successful in his desire for his children to be bi-lingual. John Theodore and his three siblings were all able to speak, read and write in both English and German.

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Louis Schiefer soon fell in love, and in 1840, in Lewis Co, married Susanna Fisher (1813-1881). They had at least 7 children, all born in Lewis Co:

Margaret Schiefer-----b. 1842  
Mary Elizabeth Schiefer-----b. 1844  
Matilda Independence Schiefer----b. 1845  
Martha Ann Schiefer-----b. 1847  
John Theodore Schiefer-----b. 1849  
Sarah Ellen Schiefer-----b. 1850  
Harriet West Virginia Schiefer----b. 1854

When Nicholas died, in 1844, his wife Elizabeth was titular head of the family, but little Betty was only three years old, Mollie was 8, Billy was 10. So, it was 14-year-old John Theodore who became the actual head of the family and began to run the farm.

Back in Baltimore, George Schiefer developed the family dairy business. In Maryland, ca 1844, he married Catherine A. Hood (1825-1907). They had 3 children:

Mary Elizabeth Schiefer-----b. 1845  
Sarah Ann Schiefer-----b. 1849  
Catherine Schiefer-----b. 1851

In 1853, George and Catherine moved to Lewis Co, where they had at least 6 more children:

John Thomas Schiefer-----b. 1857  
James O. Schiefer-----b. 1860  
Margaret Schiefer-----b. 1862  
Charles D. Schiefer-----b. 1863  
Alice Schiefer-----b. 1868  
Etta Schiefer-----b. 1869

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Maybe they got together and decided to spell Schiefer differently, so as to prevent post-office confusion among the John T's, the Marys, the Elizabeths, Margarets and Sarahs. Maybe the spelling just got away from them. I don't know. But I do know that so far I have encountered 20 different spellings of Schiefer:

Schaefer  
Schaeffer  
Scheafer  
Scheaffer  
Schefer

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Scheffer  
Scheifer  
Scheiffer  
Schiefer  
Schieffer  
Shaefer  
Shafer  
Shaffer  
Shaver  
Sheafer  
Sheffer  
Sheifer  
Sheiffer  
Shiefer  
Shieffer

And I expect I'll find more as time goes on. I've experienced multiple-spelling confusion in census, military, birth, death, marriage and court records before, but so far this is my all-time winner.

SCHIEFER is the most frequent spelling, as well as the one that was handed down from my schoolmaster ancestor. So, that's the one I'll use.

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- 1840- Queen Victoria of Great Britain marries Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.  
U. S. Population: 17,000,000.
- 1841- General William Henry "Tippecanoe" Harrison (age 68) inaugurated 9th President, serves 31 days, dies of pneumonia.  
Vice President John Tyler (1790-1862) inaugurated 10th President.  
U. S. S. Creole, carrying slaves from Virginia to Louisiana, is seized by the slaves, sails into Nassau where they become free.
- 1842- First use of ether in a surgical operation, in GA.  
Longfellow: "Poems of Slavery."  
Hit new dance: The Polka (of Czech origin).
- 1843- Census records 436,000 in Cuba.  
Bestseller: Dickens's A Christmas Carol.  
Broadway hit: Virginia Minstrels (in blackface) at the Chatham Square Theater in New York City.
- 1844- Wilmot Proviso introduced in Congress, representing

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the first continuous attempt to limit slavery  
in the U. S.  
Samuel F. B. Morse, before Congress, sends electric  
telegraph messages from Washington to Baltimore.  
Bestseller: Dumas' The Count of Monte Cristo.

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Here are the Family Charts of the Schiefer Family im-  
migrants:

Johann Nicholas Schiefer (He and wife emigr. to Baltimore,  
MD, Apr-May-Jun 1829, then to  
Lewis Co, VA, 1839)

b. (late) 1799 Hessen, Prussia, Germany

m. 1820's Hessen, Prussia, Germany

Elizabeth ?

b. (early) 1800 Hessen, Prussia, Germany

d. 1852/3 Lewis Co, WV (bur. Schiefer Farm hillside)

d. 1844 Middle Run, Lewis Co, VA (bur. Schiefer Farm  
hillside)

Their children:

1. John Theodore Schiefer

b. 30 Jul 1830 Baltimore Co, MD

m. 11 May 1852 Lewis Co, VA

Amanda Smith, dau. of George Smith (1798-1882)

and Elizabeth Bonnett (1809-1893)

b. 30 Jul 1827 Lewis Co, VA

d. 14 Sep 1895 Roanoke, Lewis Co, WV

d. 25 Dec 1864 Danville Military Prison, Pitt-  
sylvania Co, VA

2. William Schiefer

b. 1834 Baltimore Co, MD

m. 18 Apr 1854 Lewis Co, VA

Margaret Ann Matthews, dau. of Joseph Matthews

(b. 14 Sep 1802 Rockingham Co, VA; m. 24 Dec

1824; emigr. to Lewis Co 1849) and Margaret

"Peggy" Ballard (b. 17 Nov 1800 Albemarle Co, VA)

b. 1829 Albemarle Co, VA

d. poss. 1862/3

d. poss. Gilmer Co, WV

3. Mary E. "Mollie" Schiefer

b. 1836 Baltimore Co, MD

m. 13 Dec 1852 Lewis Co, VA

Dennis D. Whetzel, son of Jacob Wetzel (1803-  
1862) and Eve Smith (b. 1804)

b. 1831

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4. Elizabeth "Betty" Schiefer
  - b. Dec 1841 Lewis Co, VA
  - m. 13 Dec 1866 Lewis Co, WV
  - John Corydon Bond, son of Richard Bond (b. 1814/5) and Lydia ? (b. 1817)
  - b. Nov 1844 Lewis Co, VA
  - d. May 1933 Salem, Harrison Co, WV (bur. Roanoke, WV)
  - d. after 1900, before 1933

- Louis Schiefer (more often spelled Lewis Shaffer/Schaefer)  
(emigr. to Baltimore late 1830's, to Lewis Co 1839, to Kansas ca 1870)
- b. 9 May 1816 Hessen, Prussia, Germany (Hesse-Darmstadt)
  - m. 19 Oct 1841 Lewis Co, VA
  - Susanna Fisher, dau. of George Fisher, Jr. (b. 1790) and Barbara ? (b. 1788)
  - b. 25 Aug 1813 VA
  - d. 14 Jan 1881 Topeka KS (bur. Rochester Cem.)
  - d. 20 Jan 1892 Topeka, KS (bur. Rochester Cem.)

Their children:

1. Margaret Schiefer (Shaffer, Schaefer)
  - b. 30 Jun 1842 Lewis Co, VA
  - m. 18 Aug 1863 Lewis Co, WV
  - Zebedee Brown
  - d. Lewis Co, WV
2. Mary Elizabeth Schiefer (Shaffer)
  - b. 20 Apr 1844 Lewis Co, VA
  - m. 10 Jan 1868 (prob. KS)
  - Tillison A. Watson
  - b. Apr 1846
  - m. (2) Allie E. ? (b. Jun 1866) (m. 1897)
  - d. 26 Jan 1874 Topeka, KS (bur. Rochester Cem.)
3. Matilda Independence Schiefer (Schaefer/Shaffer)
  - b. 4 Jul 1845 Lewis Co, VA
  - m. 30 Jun 1878 Wabaunsee Co, KS
  - William Murdie
  - d. 1 May 1934 Eskridge, KS
4. Martha Ann "Mattie" Schiefer
  - b. 25 Oct 1847 Lewis Co, VA
  - m. 12 Sep 1873 Shawnee Co, KS
  - John Peppemeier
  - d. Jun 1876 Topeka, KS (bur. Rochester Cem.)

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5. John Theodore Schiefer (Schaefer/Shaffer)  
b. 1 Jul 1849 Lewis Co, VA
6. Sarah Ellen Schiefer  
b. 29 Oct 1850 Lewis Co, VA  
m. (1) George Burkhammer, son of Leonard Burkhammer (1814-aft.1900) and Elizabeth ? (1831-bef.1900)  
b. 1851/2  
d. ca 1872  
m. (2) George Huyett  
d. 24 Apr 1880 KS (prob. Topeka)
7. Harriett West Virginia Schiefer (Schaefer)  
b. 2 May 1854 Lewis Co, VA  
d. 11 May 1882 Topeka, KS (bur. Rochester Cem.)

George Schiefer (one record gives him a middle initial A.)  
(emigr. to Baltimore 1830's, to Lewis Co 1853; lived Court House District)

- b. 7 Jan 1823 Hessen, Prussia, Germany
- m. ca 1844 Baltimore Co, MD  
Catherine A. Hood (both parents born in MD)  
b. 4 Mar 1825 Baltimore Co, MD  
d. 25 Jul 1907 Middle Run, Lewis Co, WV (bur. Mathews/Middle Run Cem.)
- d. 8 Feb 1899 Middle Run, Lewis Co, WV (bur. Mathews/Middle Run Cem.)

Their children:

1. Mary Elizabeth Schiefer  
b. 17 Jun 1845 Baltimore Co, MD  
m. Lewis Co, WV  
James M. Burkhammer, son of Leonard Burkhammer (1814-aft.1900) and Elizabeth ? (1831-bef.1900)  
b. May 1854 VA  
d. bef. 1880  
d. 1929 Middle Run, Lewis Co, WV (bur. Mathews/Middle Run Cem.)
2. Sarah Ann Schiefer (Shaffer)  
b. 28 Apr 1849 Baltimore Co, MD  
m. 10 Mar or Sep 1878 Lewis Co, WV  
George Washington May



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3. Catherine Schiefer (Shieffer)  
b. 18 Jan 1851 Baltimore Co, MD  
m. 31 Mar 1868 Lewis Co, WV  
    James M. Matthews, son of Joseph Matthews  
        (b. 14 Sep 1802 Rockingham Co, VA; m.  
        24 Dec 1824; emigr. to Lewis Co 1849)  
        and Margaret "Peggy" Ballard (b. 17 Nov  
        1800 Albemarle Co, VA)  
        b. 9 May 1835 Albemarle Co, VA  
        m. (1) Sarah A. Camp, dau. of John G.  
            Camp and Parthenia Arnold  
            b. ca 1839 VA  
            d. ca 1866 WV  
        d. 16 Feb 1937 Middle Run, Lewis Co, WV (bur.  
        Mathews/Middle Run Cem.)
4. John Thomas Schiefer (grandfather of Earl Byrd, HCPD)  
b. 13 Oct or 15 Nov 1858 Lewis Co, VA  
m. (1) 12 Dec 1883 Marinda Jane Beahler, dau. of  
    Rev. Daniel Beahler (1835-1875) and Ruhama  
    Westfall (1837-1886) of Murphy's Creek  
    b. 6 Sep 1860  
    d. 2 Oct 1896 Middle Run, Lewis Co, WV  
m. (2) 15 Feb 1899 Minnie Viola Koon, dau. of  
    George Koon and Elizabeth Parrish  
    b. Dec 1869 WV  
    d. 14 Apr 1945 Middle Run, Lewis Co, WV  
d. 22 Sep 1929 Middle Run, Lewis Co, WV
5. James Oliver Schiefer (emigr. to OH 1908)  
b. 16 Jul 1860 Lewis Co, VA  
m. 1880 or 21 Oct 1889 Mary Elizabeth "Mollie"  
    Beahler, dau. of Rev. Daniel Beahler and  
    Ruhama Westfall of Murphy's Creek  
    b. Apr 1858 WV  
    d. 3 Dec 1938 Middle Run, Lewis Co, WV  
d. 20 Jun 1938
6. Margaret Schiefer  
b. 1862 Lewis Co, VA
7. Charles D. (or L.) Schiefer  
b. 8 Oct 1863 Lewis Co, WV  
d. 23 May 1876 or 23 Apr 1877 Middle Run, Lewis  
    Co, WV (bur. Mathews/Middle Run Cem.)
8. Alice Schiefer  
b. 1868 Lewis Co, WV
9. Ester "Etta" Schiefer  
b. Mar 1869 Lewis Co, WV  
d. Sep 1873 Lewis Co, WV

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END OF PART I

(TO BE CONTINUED)

## OXEN ON ICE

by Dr. Sirius Orestes Bond

submitted by Mrs. Randolph (Zella) Bond

Note: Dr. Bond was President Emeritus of Salem College, Salem, WV, and a brother to Mrs. Bond's late husband. Sirius and Randolph were sons of Levi D. and Victoria M. (Arnold) Bond. Levi Bond's parents were Brimfield and Belinda (Hoffman) Bond. Brimfield's father was Levi Bond, son of Major Richard Bond, who was born in 1756 and served in the Revolutionary War. Brimfield and Belinda Bond moved to Hackers Creek from Lost Creek in 1832. "Oxen on Ice" is a "true" story of Brimfield's trip to Morgantown in 1834.

We to whom unprecedented luxuries are commonplace seldom stop to reflect upon the hardships of those pioneers who gave us the land and society we enjoy today.

In Hacker's Creek, Central West Virginia, the winter of 1834 was the coldest the white settlers had ever known. There were no thermometers in those days, and no one knew just how cold it was. People judged the cold principally by the thickness of the ice, which was, that year, approximately two feet thick in most streams.

On my Grandfather Brimfield Bond's farm, the supply of salt available for the family and livestock was exceedingly low. It was reported that salt could be purchased at Morgantown, a distance of 75 miles or more and so my grandfather decided to make a trip there at once. In ordinary weather, the trails were almost impassible.

Grandfather owned a pair of well-broken oxen. He came to the house in the afternoon, after having put new soles on the sled and informed grandmother that he was planning to start to Morgantown the next day by ice. Grandmother said, "But you have no mittens to wear."

"I know it, but I must (go) while the streams are frozen. It is my only chance to go and bring back a sizeable amount of salt and other necessary things for our home and for the farm."

Grandmother replied, "If you are determined to go, I'll knit you a pair of mittens tonight."

While grandfather was assembling the supplies he would need to take with him, the mittens were begun and they were finished the next morning at approximately five o'clock, which was the time at which grandfather always arose. He loaded the sled with a considerable amount of hay and fodder, his roughage for the winter trip. He also put on the hay a few bushel of short corn to feed the oxen on the journey.

The oxen had been fed and the yoke had been put on them when Grandmother called, "Breakfast is ready." During the night she had baked what was known as corn pone. In fact she had baked two ovens of corn pone on the hearth. She wrapped them in the brown paper that she had carefully saved from groceries purchased. Two rolls of butter were placed in the package. She knew that the journey was not a short one at the gait the oxen would travel. Other food, too, was placed in the package.

Grandfather knew that he would need money or its equivalent. He had a half a beef that he had butchered, and he wrapped it and placed it on the sled. He felt sure he could sell it in Morgantown, and that would enable him to have a little money for the purchase of the supplies he needed. He also took skins of animals that had been killed in the early fall. These would help to keep him warm on the way down and would be of ready sale. Fur merchants could be found in any town. He took his rifle, with an abundance of ammunition, and an ax for any emergency.

Grandmother prepared a small iron pot for the fire that he felt he should take along. In those days there were no matches and flints were uncertain.

After a warm, hearty breakfast, everything was loaded on the sled and the oxen were brought out and hitched to the tongue.

The preparations had been more extensive than a trip around the world would require today. The mittens which had been hastily knitted, were on grandfather's hands. He didn't think he would want to wear them, but he found out later that he would have been pretty cold without them.

The oxen were led down to the smallest part of the stream. They objected a little to stepping on the ice, but with some urging they were soon in place and the trip was begun. Grandfather walked beside them for a time, until they became accustomed to the ice. Later he climbed on the sled and buried down in the hay, where he kept fairly warm.

Sometimes the oxen would get hungry before their feeding time and would attempt to browse on the limbs overhanging the stream, but grandfather would touch them a little and get them back to the middle again. They made good time the first day. They reached the West Fork and traveled a few miles on it, before making camp for night.

Each night a hole in the ice had to be cut in order that the oxen might have water to drink. They were given water in the morning, after they had eaten their hay and short corn.

The West Fork River was followed to the village of Fairmont. From there on the travelers moved slowly because both man and the beasts were weary with cold and travel.

Just below Fairmont, two men and a boy came to the sled and listened to Grandfather tell about the trip he was making. The boys proffered three squirrels which they had killed that morning. Grandfather accepted them with thanks and completed dressing them at the noon hour when he stired up the fire in the iron pot and roasted them for his lunch and supper. The journey was continued on the broad ice which covered the Monongahela River.

On the third night out, Grandfather and the oxen were quite tired as they made camp just before sunset. All went well until about midnight - according to the north star which was a dependable clock for those who learned to read it in pioneer days. Suddenly, there was a disturbance which started old Buck and Berry. Both got up very quickly. Grandfather reached for his gun. Then he realized that Old Buck was trying to get loose from the sapling to which he was tethered, and he shouted, "Whoa". The oxen seemed to understand that they were safe, with someone nearby to help if danger came. Grandfather

supposed some wild animal had come near, and so he built a fire of dry sticks and bark he had brought with him for the trip. This made it safe to lie down again for a snatch of sleep before he would need to be on his way. The oxen became quiet and all rested well until break of day when it was again time to feed and prepare for another day's journey.

Less than half a mile had been traveled when they came to deer tracks that seemed to indicate that there had been ten or a dozen of them. They had evidently been frightened since they seemed to have darted in and out among the great trees near the edge of the stream. A little farther on there were others tracks which caused the pioneer to know that a large bear had been in the vicinity the night before. The bear had evidently followed the deer into the forest. Grandfather knew then that Old Buck was telling the truth about danger the night before. When Grandfather arrived at Morgantown, he decided to rest for a day or two during which time he would make his purchases. He readily sold the beef and the other supplies he had brought with him for sale. After two days the sled was loaded with the various purchases he had made, and the homeward journey was begun. The trip home was started at the right time of day to make the first day's journey end at the place where they had last stayed on their way to Morgantown. This would make less ice to chop so the oxen might have water. Already some salt had been given them, which made them thirsty.

75 miles or more are not quickly made at the speed of tired oxen. At the end of the 2nd week, Grandfather drove up Hacker's Creek to home where the hazardous journey had begun, and his safe return brought rejoicing to all. Supplies were generously divided with the neighbors. Salt was the most precious thing brought home. Neighbors had been out of it for weeks, some for months.

Grandmother was as happy as a child when she first saw the oxen as they came around the bend. She was a woman of deep religious faith and she dropped on to her knees in praise and thanksgiving for Grandfather's safety.

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Dear Members,

This a story my father-in-law, James A. Mitchell, told me. It was related to him by his mother, Bea Hardman. I was wondering if anyone has heard this story and if so, could elaborate on it.

Thanks,  
Vikki Mitchell

#### Zeeksville

The western valley of the Collins Settlement district was called Seventh Day Valley because all the families living there were Seventh Day Adventists (Heavners, Bees and Bonds). It was a very solid community. Ezekiel Bee lived at the fork of the road that went up Heavners Holler. He owned land on both sides of the road. Uncle Zeek Bee was the first person to sell a piece of land (5 acre plot), on the hill east of Rt. 19, to a man who was not a Seventh Day Adventist. That man was Fred L. Martin (father of Bea Hardman). He worked for the Pittsburgh and W.Va. Gas Co. The next person to buy land next to Martin was Dorsey Jarvis. He worked for the Hope Gas Co. This in turn broke the solid segregated settlement of Seventh Day Adventists. The community became commonly known as Zeeksville, but was never to be listed as such.

BOOTH BOND DIARY

In the H.C.P.D. Journal VII, issue 1 & 2 we gave a rather extensive coverage for the year 1853. Here is the highlights for the years 1854, 55, 56. A copy of the complete diary is in our library and is extremely important reading for anyone wanting to relate to life in the pre-civil war period on Hacker's Creek. It also is an important document to place the listed persons into our family sheets with an understanding of who they really were.

His lack of punctuation is used here (unless necessary to convey the proper understanding). Also note that no observance of holidays is mentioned; their time was spent working at home, helping out the neighbors, attending religious meetings and joining in the seasonal frolics to clear land, build structures, harvest the crops.

Jan. 1, 1854 - was cold and snowed some did not do much of anything to day to night went to the upper forks of Hackers creek to prayer meeting was very cold and snowed and stormed Levi Smith is here to night.

Jan. 4 - Father brought me an overcoat from Clarksburg.

Jan. 8 - Wm. A. Queen and his wife is here tonight.

Jan. 10 - went to Mr. James Reeds to set up with the sick his wife stayed all night.

Jan. 11 - sived (seived) 3 bushels of buckwheat went to Jacob Hesses chopping frolic at A.M. Wolfswent to spelling school at the Marpole school house.

Jan. 14 - Mrs. Reed died about half past nine oclock this evening then went to Mr. Flints to get him to make the coffin then came home.

Jan. 19 - Went to James Lawrentzes and brought home a yoke of oxen.

(Booth worked in their clearing for a part of every day in January if the weather permitted.)

Feb. 2 - Was clear worked in the clearing in the forenoon this afternoon went to a wedding at Mr. John Warners and saw Mr. Frederick Hefner and Miss Lydia Warner joined in bonds of matrimony about sundown took supper and went home.

Feb. 7 - was somewhat cloudy i took a team to Bridge Run with a load of plunder for Armsted Queen. Armsted and John Queen is here to night.

Feb. 13 - Levi and I went to Mr. Hires mill today.

Feb. 19 - Went to Mount Vernon to meeting.

Feb. 24 - was fair we went to Grandfather Bonds Tamer and I we stopped in Janelew I went from Grandfathers to Fink's Creek (this is probably Lewis County) I stayed all night at Uncle Jacob Bonds.

Feb. 27 - I hanged our meet (meat) to day &c I was not well to day.

Mar. 1 - drewed some hay and some wood to the Sugar camp &c I sowed some timothy seed in the old plum field.

## BOOTH BOND DIARY (continued)

- Mar. 3 - I went to Henry L. Curtises rolling and we worked some at Emily Willson house &c. (This would have been on Rover's Run, the 1st. run on the south side of Hacker's Creek as you enter Upshur County. Henry L. Curtis was the great grand father of Edward L. Allman.)
- Mar. 20 - We have made 2 gallons molasses so far the peach is blooming I went to Hires mill today come home through Buckhannon town &c.
- Apr. 5 - Planted our Potatoes. (April 16 was Easter Sunday so they did NOT plant their potatoes on Good Friday).
- Apr. 20 - Put down our sweet potatoes to sprout.
- Apr. 21 - Father sold eight three year old cattle to John Hire ?x?x at \$22 per head.
- Apr. 26 - we had our rolling we had about 23 hands to day.
- Apr. 27 - we protracted our rolling there came in about xx? hands and finished.
- Apr. 29 - Bought a yearling calf for 87 $\frac{1}{2}$ . commenced fencing our new land (the results of 2 winters in the clearing).
- May 4 - Father, Mother and I went to George Knixeleys rolling chopping and rail malling &c frolic.
- May 11 - Went to Henry L. Curtises rolling and they sheared our sheep. Father sold ten head of them to Abraham Post at \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$  per head.
- May 14, 15, 16 - worked at burning our logs.
- May 24, 25, 26 - made rails, built fence, set out cabbage.
- May 28 - commenced planting our corn to day.
- June 30 - Drawed two saw logs to Mr. Flints mill with both yoke of oxen and hived four swarms of bees there is a cooking stove peddler here tonight by the name of Price.
- July 1 - Went to David T. Wolfe and Abram Wolfes to tell them of their dogs killing sheep.
- Aug. 25 - Uncle John Bond is here to night. His note is \$226.
- Aug. 30 - Father and I went to Mount Vernon to geography school and subscribed for it. (Next several days Booth went to Mr. Hanson Regars to Geography school).
- Sept. 15 - I killed some wild bees that was robing ours.
- Sept. 21 - Father started to Clarksburg to mill. (Father got home in evening of Sept. 22).
- Sept. 27 - There is a Mr. Zin (Zinn) here to night from the coves Preston Co. Va.
- Oct. 2 - Fetched the wind mill from Mr. Boffmans.
- Oct. 15 - I buryed our aples to day about eleven bushels. we was building a line fence between us and David Curtis.
- Oct. 22 - All went to Mr. Beslees to xx?? heard Mr. Elias Bennett preach William Beslees funeral. Levi and I picked the geese and I drawed stable logs for Mr. Boffman.
- Oct. 30 - Mr. Boffman and I killed a Eagle to day that was 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet a cross its wings.
- Nov. 9 - Sewed some shingle timber. I went to Mr. S. Horners shop.
- Nov. 15 - Floored and boarded up the scales to day. (They have been working on the new scale house since back in the mid summer).

## BOOTH BOND DIARY (continued)

Nov. 24 - Father has been at Buckhannon this week on a jury.  
Nov. 28 - Killed a hog and cut rafters for the scale made some shingles. Henry L. Curtis helped us.  
Nov. 29 - I was working at the Wolf school house.  
Dec. 4 - I went to school to Jackson Cozad to day. Our oxen was wayed and took off today they wayed 27 hundred and thirty pounds. Father finished Levi a pair of shoes and I skutched some flax.  
Dec. 7 - I was helping Mr. Boffman hunt his wild hogs to day.  
Dec. 8 - I went to Mr. Horners shop to get a shoe put on my colt. (Mr. Horner must have been the blacksmith).  
Dec. 14 - We was waying hogs in the forenoon, This afternoon i helped start the hogs &c. (Presumable sent the hogs by droving off to market).  
Dec. 25 - I went a Squiriling. (Christmas is not mentioned).  
Dec. 29 - We waid 15 head of cattle for A. J. Post.

\*\*\* 1855 \*\*\*

Jan. 1 - was fair I went to Jesse Mitchels to Harrison Jamisons in fair and took dinner then coame home George Kniseley and Martjayne and the two children are here to night. (Booth and Levi<sup>E</sup> seem to go to school one or two days a week but not always together. He does not mention sister Tamer at school).  
Jan. 18 - We was hueing timber for a meat house. Levi went to school five days this week.  
Feb. 6 - Snow about 6 inches deep went a fox hunting made a not (Knot) mall helped Father start to mill withsled.  
Feb. 18, 19 - Went a coon hunting. I went to Buckhannon town with a load of turkeys George Kniseley from the west and Sarah Kniseley is here to night. (This George Kniseley must be a different George than the one who was there with Margtjayne and two children on Jan. 1.--Wonder how far west this George lives).  
Feb. 28 - Father renewed a note in the bank to day.  
Mar. 7 - Went to Mr. Warners and to Mr. Andrew Wolfs and bought me home a litle yoke of oxen.  
Mar. 9 - I went to school - it was the last day of school.  
Mar. 14 - Taped our shugar trees to day. Yoked up my litle oxen in the forenoon.  
Mar. 20 - Went to George Kniseleys childs buryon at the Jesse Run meeting house.  
Arp. 4 - Went to George Lawrentz with hide, planted our potatoes to day.  
Apr. 21 - I went to Grandfather Bonds and found Grandmother and Uncle John v<sup>a</sup>y sick with the fever sat up mostly all night.  
Apr. 22 - went to Mr. Hirses to get a gun to kill some squirrils for Uncle John.  
Apr. 25 - Father renewed Uncle Johns note it was \$144 dollars.  
June 14 - Finished line fence between us and Besley and we went a saining.  
(He had split rails every day or so for weeks).

## BOOTH BOND DIARY (continued)

June 20 - I went to Amos Reders and got some white wash and worked my oxen hived a swarm of bees and cut and piled bushes above the house. Father renewed his note it is one hundred and forty. Went to Mr. Mowers shop and got my saddle fixed.

July 19 - Started frameing the meat house and smoke house. I commenced making me a pair of shoes this morning. I went to see the sick at David Curtises and Thomas Bices this evening.

Aug. 13 - I went to Mr. Mapoles this morning to get a letter mailed for new york.

Aug. 19 - went to Brod run to meeting and heard old Benjamin Holden preach. Uncle John Bond is here to night his note is one hundred and fifteen.

Aug. 23 - I went to Hires mill and came back by Buckhannon town the thrashing machine came to our house this evening. A little Ireish table cloth peddler is here to night.

Aug. 26 - I went to Jesse Run to meeting but the house was crowded so that I did not get in.

Sept. 13 - I went to Mr. Queens store and got me a coat pattern and went to Buckhannon to get it made.

Sept. 19 - I was sick with something like the colera morbus (I remember some hears ago an old man in his 80's told me his woman was sick with colera morbus. I inquired of Lum as to what that was - he replied "you know, puking and purging").

Sept. 26 - I went with Mr. David Smith to help him drive hogs.

Oct. 13 - It was tolerable cold last night I STARTED FOR OHIO went to Uncle J. Davises and stayed all night.

Booth and someone else took a trip to ~~OHIO~~ OHIO from Oct. 13, 1855 to Dec. 5, 1855. This trip is interesting both from the places he passed through and the many people he visited. A detailed schetch of this trip will appear seperately in another journal.

Dec. 5 - Booth is back home from his OHIO trip but he did not specify who went with him.

Dec. - Still working on the Smoke house and have started on a Stable, also spent some time working at the school house. He drawed a load of boards to the school house.

Dec. 25 - Was sleety. I was working at the school house to day. (No mention that this was Christmas).

Dec. 26 - I commenced teaching school to day. (Booth was 21 years old).

Dec 29 - Went to Lost Creek and stayed all night at Uncle Jesse Davises and was at a POLEMIC at the Rices run school house. (A POLIMIC is the art or practice of argument).

YEAR 1856 ---

January was very cold and snow to 8 inches. Thermometer 8 degrees below zero to 34 degrees above.



## BOOTH BOND DIARY (Continued)

Jan. 24 - went to John L. Queens wedding.  
Jan. 25 - went to Johns infair  
Feb. 19 - Sold my horse to day. A book Peddler was at our house. (Feb. continued mostly cold and snowy.)  
Mar. 5 - I went to look at David C's land. (who was David C.? - maybe David Curtis or David Alltop).  
Mar. 10 - I went to Axx? Posts and bought a colt.  
Mar. 18 - I bought 2 little yearling cattle of Mr. Thomas Bice for \$12.00 - was making sugar trofts (troughs) to day.  
Mar. 22 - Went to the frame to meeting and heard Samuel Davis preach. (He mentions FRAME on a few occasions. What does it mean?).  
Mar. 23 - Worked at the sugar camp got about 2 bbls. of sugar water it made 20 lbs. of sugar.  
Mar. 27 - I was at Andrew Wolfs rail malling (Maul).  
Apr 2 - went to Mr. Bices and bought me a beast at \$100 (is this a horse or ox?).  
Apr 7 - went to Henry L. Curtis's house raising (I now know that my greatgrand father built a house in 1856 -E.L.Allman).  
Apr 8 - Uncle Peter and Eli Bond were a grafting for several people.  
Apr 15 - Grafted some for L. D. Swisher on way to Lost Creek.  
Apr. 23 - Went to John town and to Mr. D. Lewises and to John ?xx after grafts.  
Apr 30 - went down the creek to ask hands to our rolling.  
May 1, 1856 - He has not mentioned school since March 2nd, when he "was accounting up my school business" so that must have ended the school (Dec. 26 thru Mar. 2).  
May 5 - Sheared our sheep went to Boughmans shop and got the plough fixed.  
May 7 - I helped D. D. Curtis clean out his well.  
May 10 - went to see Levi Stalncher (Stalnaker) baptised and went to Wm. Kennedy's.  
May 16 - Working the roads to day.  
May 22 - Tamer and I started for Doddridge Co. went to Aunt Sarah Davises, then went to James Fords. Stayed (or stopped) at Milford and Chapen Randolphs. Sarahan went with me.  
May 28 - Tamer and I came home from Doddridge Co. On this trip he lists the following people - Chapen, Jesse and William F. Randolph; William, Jacob and Milton S. Davis; Albert Ford.  
June - They worked in the corn, cut briars &c. and was getting out cradle fingers (in preparation for cutting their wheat and oats.)

1856 - This last year his penmanship got progressively worse. Possibly the impatience of a young man or the heavy farm work made his hands hard which affected his writing. He went to many meetings such as the Aid Society, Pecks Run, Turkey Run, Harmony Church, etc.

## BOOTH BOND DIARY (continued)

May the 25 - 1857

Received of Thomas Bice

\$5 Mineral Bank of Maryland

\$5 Mineral Bank of Maryland

\$5 Bank of Middletown

July the 6th. received of Brumfield Bond

\$10 M. Bank of Wheeling

July the 6th. received of George Bodkins

\$10 Frostburg Bank

\$5 Frostburg Bank

He makes no explanation of the above entry but a few pages at the end of the diary lists several people who Booth worked for at 50 cents per day. His ledger shows the various transactions as settled by potatoes, tobacco and reference to Banks (presumably he received drafts (checks) in money to settle their debts).

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BOOTH BOND DIARY -- October 13, 1855 thru December 4, 1855  
he was on a trip to Ohio but does not say who accompanied him.  
He left Lost Creek, traveled to St. Mary's and Marietta, up  
the Muskingam river to Zanesville and west to Columbus and  
beyond. We list here all names as they appear geographically.

Uncle J. Davis  
James Ford  
Mr. Hue Shen Holtz  
James Pepper  
L. Jacos tavern  
Mr. Pointer  
Randolph's tavern  
G. W. Buchanan's inn  
Victory Craig  
Reuben Porter, yankee  
J. Deans inn  
F. A. Shafer's inn  
W. W. Hite's inn  
C. Shenry's inn  
Oakland inn  
J. Buckland's inn  
Doctor Thomas Bond  
Thomas Clendenning  
Uncle James Clendenning  
Mr. Snider  
Uncle Eli Forsythe  
Uncle Simeon Babcock  
H. Stout  
Moses  
H. Davis  
Maxine Babcock  
E. P. Stout  
Hoffman Ailes  
Aunt Mary ann  
James B. Davis  
Dudley Huse (Hughes)  
James A. Davis  
Mr. Grimes  
Mr. Abram Kiddle  
Person Forsythes

Job Kennedy  
Old Uncle William Vanhorn  
Jacob Vanhorn  
Levi (?Forsythe or Bond)  
Elizabeth (?Babcock)  
Martha (?Babcock)  
Jacob & Maxine (?Babcock)  
Luther L. Davis  
Sarah & Levi (Who)  
William Clendenning  
James Romine  
Isaac Davis  
Wm. B. Owens  
Thomas Bird or Bond  
Jacob Negley  
Uncle Elnathan Bond  
Thomas Cadwalader  
H. Warner  
T. Dickison's inn  
William Lawhead  
Willson Poidens (Poiders)  
Newcastle Crosses inn  
James St. Clair  
Crees house  
Joseph Jeffrey's  
Richard Ford  
Milton S. Davis  
Jacob Davis  
Uncle Jesse Davis, Lost Creek  
then I went on home.

NAMES LISTED IN THE BOOTH BOND DIARY in the years 1854, 55, 56.

Some of these names are repeats from the list made for 1853.

David Alltop	Mr. Clausin, preach
Richard Alltop	Martin Schevrontz (Cheuvront)
Hannah Baker	Mr. David Clossin
Wm. Batten & wife	M. J. Cozad
Magon Blen or Magor Blair, Weston	
Mr. Bee, preach	Samuel Coopman
Mr. Berkeley, preach	Israel Cookman
Mr. Bets, preach	R. Coyner
Rev. Elias Bennett	Mr. Coiner's store
Mose Benett	Henry L. Curtis
Franklin Bennett, Taylor Co.	Olive Curtis
Mr. Thomas Bice	(Henry L. & Olive were Great
Samuel Bice	Grand Parents of Edward Allman)
Hannah Bice	John Curtis
Joseph Bice	Nancy Curtis
Asia Bice	Mr. Davison
Katherine Bice	John Daniels
Ellen Bice	John Dix
John Beslee	DAVIS - Uncle Jesse
Hannah Beslee	Aunt Sarah
Hannah Besley	Elizabeth
Henry Boffman	Levi
Mr. Boffman's sawmill	Hiram, Lost Creek
Mr. Boice	Mary
George Bodkins	Milton S.
Thomas Boram	Moses H.
Andrew A. Brown	Belinda
BOND - Uncle Richard	S. D.
Uncle John	Samuel D., preach
Uncle Peter	Jacob, Dodd. Co.
Cousin Samuel (?Bond)	William, Dodd. Co.
Aunt Elizabeth	Jacob EIB
Alfred	Daniel Flint
Luther	Albert Ford, Dodd. Co.
Jasper (his note \$115)	Edward Grant
William Jasper	Mr. Green, preach
Lewis, preach	Mr. Huse or Hirse, from Clkg.
Levi, Booth's brother	Mr. Hire's mill
Tamer (not Famer), sister	Clark Hess
William Canady	Gilbert Hearsman
Belinda Cannady	Ruey Jane Hearsman
Solomon Carpenter	Wm. Herstman's sail (sale)
Johnson Carpenter	Jacob Hess
Mr. Carricuff	Newton Hess
James Chidister	Frederick Hefner
Reuhama Chidister	Miss Elizabeth Hinsman
Loruhama I. Chidister	Mr. S. Horner's shop

## BOOTH BOND DIARY (Names continued)

Mr. Job Hinkle, preach Thomas Hindsman, Esq. John K. Hodges David Holden Georg Horner Mary Horner Samuel Horner Andrew Iceman (or Leeman), Jackson Co.	Mr. George Nester, preach Sarah Norman Jacob Oldaker Richard Oldaker Mr. Park, preach Old Mrs. Peters & son Young John Peters
Mr. Ingle, preach Mr. Lewis Karickhoff William Kennedy Luther Kennedy Emily Kennedy KNISELEY - George Margtjayne Margotjane Menda June Abraham John, Jesse Run George, from Illinois Haldridge & wife Jacob Lafayette	Annah Peters J. A. Peters Joseph Peters Stephen Post Mr. Abraham J. Poste Mr. Proudfoot, Barbour Co. QUEEN - Old Mr. Queen John Queen's store Armsted Isabela John L. Julia Ann Julian William A.
Burgot JOT Mr. Jamison's school Benjamin F. Jamison Harrison Jamison William Jamison Mr. George Lawson, Laurel Lick Mr. George W. Losin (or Losir) George Lawrentz James Lawrentz Mr. Lister, preach John Macke (Macky) Albinus Marpole (Marple) Thomas Maxine (Maxon) Patrick McCaulley Benjamin McCurda John McFerson Mr. Eli McWhirty, preach Mr. Mc ??ey James Menzier Charles Mick Jesse Mitchel James Miller Patrick Mourn Alexander Morrison, preach Mr. Mower's shop (Moyer?)	Mr. Francis Reeder Mr. James Reed, preach Mr. Regar's store Mr. Rosses meeting Mr. Riney Chapen Randolph, Dodd.Co. Jesse Randolph, Dodd.Co. William F. Randolph Abram Regar David Regar Hanson Regar Abram Rinehart Ashford Rinehart Eli Rinehart Amos Rider James Romine Anderson Ross James A. Ross Mr. Strader's mill Mr. Benjamin Stickley, preach Mr. Statin, preach Mr. John T. Stilns, preach G. F. SIMS Levi Stalnaker Anthony Strader

## BOOTH BOND DIARY (Names continued)

Jacob Starcher  
 Thomas Starcher  
 Mrs. Jane Swisher  
 L. D. Swisher  
 SMITH - Anna  
 Belinda  
 Isaac  
 Levi  
 Marcelles  
 Mary  
 Mr. Daniel  
 Old Aunt Elizabeth Taylor  
 Old Henry Taylor  
 Moses Tichanel, preach  
 TRAILOR or TRAYLOR -  
 Sarah  
 Martia (Martin)  
 Fiele Trelor

Joab Vanhorn, from ??asois  
 Mr. Ward, preach  
 Mr. Jacob Wau (Waugh), preach  
 Mr. John Warner  
 Jacob Warner  
 Uncle William Williams  
 Aunt Tolitha (Williams?)  
 dau. Tolitha (Williams?)  
 Azariah Willson  
 Emily Willson  
 William Windle  
 Hamilton Windon  
 Abraham M. Wolf  
 David Thomas Wolf  
 Issac Wolf  
 James Young



THE PRINGLE BROTHERS AT PRINGLE TREE — SKETCHED FROM WOOD CUT  
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MIDDLE RUN CEMETERY  
LEWIS COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

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BAILEY, Albert L. . . . .	1869	-	1939
" , Emma M. . . . .	1867	-	1950
" , Phares T. . . . .	B: 02/04/1899	-	D: 02/17/1899
	Son of AL & EM Bailey		
BURKHAMMER, Mary E. . . . .	1845	-	1929
	(D/O Geo. & Catharine Schiefer)		
" , James M. . . . .	1854	-	1940
	(Husband of Mary E.)		
BYRD, John T. . . . .	1923	-	1945
	(S/O Loy & Mattie Schiefer Byrd)		
" , Loy C. . . . .	1888	-	1975
" , Mattie S. . . . .	1893	-	1962
	(D/O JT & MJ Schiefer)		
CARDER, Rhoda C. . . . .	B: 10/11/1890	-	D: 03/01/1920
FISHER, David A. . . . .	1881	-	1966
" , Etta . . . . .	1870	-	1942
" , Infant Son . . . . .	1911		
FLESHER, Amanda . . . . .	D: 05/22/1882	Aged: 5y, 6m, 22d	
	(D/O Henry & Mary Flesher)		
" , Ellen . . . . .	D: 05/04/1882	Aged: 1m, 28d	
	(D/O Henry & Mary Flesher)		
GREATHOUSE, Blaine . . . . .	July 20 1884	-	Dec 20 1918
" , Blanchie A. . . . .	1895	-	1896
" , Gabriel . . . . .	B: 03/02/1808	-	D: 12/28/1897
" , James Garfield . . . .	1882	-	1903
" , Melvina . . . . .	March 22 1859	-	November 03 1918
" , Sherman . . . . .	December 21 1855	-	March 08 1943
" , Twin Sons . . . . .	1888		

## MIDDLE RUN CEMETERY (CONT'D)

IMBODEN, Harold T. . . . . 03/20/1931 - 04/10/1937  
" , Lelia V. . . . . 1881 - 1914  
" , Marian Catherine . . . . . 1911 - 1912  
" , Minnie Ann E. . . . . 1913 - 1913  
KEARNS, Emma C. . . . . May 25 1893 - September 26 1913  
D/O John & Harriet Kearns  
KERNS, Harriet . . . . . 1845 - 1906  
Wife of John  
" , John . . . . . 1838 - 1931  
" , Patrick Seward . . . . . Date unreadable  
LINGER, Arch . . . . . 1899 - 1973  
" , Opal . . . . . 1907 - 19  
" , Iwanda Lucile . . . . . 1938 - 1939  
MARSH, Maude D. . . . . 10/16/1880 - 11/22/1951  
" , Minter A . . . . . 10/07/1880 - 10/29/1944  
MATHEWS, Judson T . . . . . D: 02/27/1896 - Aged 24y, 3m, 28ds  
Son of CL & FJ Mathews  
" , Mary F . . . . . D: 05/02/1876 Aged: 4y, 1m, 27d  
" , Robert J . . . . . D: 01/23/1883 Infant  
Mary & Robert-children of JM & C Mathews  
" , Sarah Ann . . . . . D: 07/31/1866 Aged: 26y, 9m, 8d  
Wife of JM Mathews (First wife)  
MATTHEWS, Bert H. . . . . B: 11/07/1884 - D: 04/04/1903  
Son of CL & FJ Matthews  
" , Charles L . . . . . 09/05/1841 - 01/27/1902  
" , Flora J . . . . . 1851 - 1917  
Wife of Charles  
" , Homer . . . . . 1879 - 1948  
" , Ira C . . . . . 1878 - 1969  
(S/O JM & C Matthews)  
" , Iva . . . . . 1880 - 1942  
" , John T. . . . . 1863 - 1932  
(S/O William J Matthews)  
" , Joseph . . . . . D: 06/29/1884 Aged: 81y, 9m, 15d  
" , Lucie C . . . . . 1883 - 1967  
" , Minnie R. . . . . 08/21/1872 - 02/09/1922  
" , Peggy . . . . . D: 01/10/1889 Aged: 88y, 1m, 24d  
(Wife of Joseph Matthews)



## MIDDLE RUN CEMETERY (CONT'D)

MATTHEWS, Sarah Ann . . . . . 1839 - 1910  
(Wife of William J. Matthews)  
" , Thomas W. . . . . 08/20/1837 - 12/02/1904  
Aged: 67y, 3m, 12d  
" , William F . . . . . 1869 - 1959  
(S/O JM & C Matthews)  
" , William J . . . . . 1825 - 1892  
" , William W . . . . . 1874 - 1930  
MCCLAIN, Alva L . . . . . 1889 - 1954  
" , Jessie L . . . . . 1895 - 1981  
OXSHER, Julia B . . . . . 1915 - 1931  
SCHEEFER, Charles L . . . . . D: 05/23/1876 Aged 12y, 6m  
Son of G & C Scheefer (Schiefer)  
SCHIEFER, Catharine A . . . . . 03/04/1825 - 07/25/1907  
Wife of George (Nee: Hood)  
" , Catherine F . . . . . 1894 - 1978  
(Wife of George Thomas Schiefer)  
" , David D . . . . . D: 09/15/1890 Aged: 5y, 8m, 23d  
Son of JT & MJ Schiefer  
" , Emma E. . . . . D: 02/01/1853 Aged: 1y, 9m, 26d  
Daughter of JO & I Schiefer  
" , George. . . . . 01/07/1823 - 02/08/1899  
" , George T. . . . . 1887 - 1967  
(S/O JT & MJ Schiefer)  
" , John T . . . . . 1858 - 1929  
(S/O George & Catharine Schiefer)  
" , Minnie V. . . . . 1869 - 1945  
(2nd wife of JT Schiefer - Nee: Koon)  
SCHIEFFER, Catherine. . . . . 01/18/1851 - 02/16/1937  
Wife of J M Matthews (2nd wife)  
" , James O. . . . . 1860 - 1938  
(S/O George & Catharine Schiefer)  
" , Mary E . . . . . 1858 - 1938  
(Wife of James O Schiefer/D/O Rev. Daniel  
Beahler & Ruhama Westfall Beahler)  
SHIEFER, Marinda Jane . . . . . D: 10/02/1896 Aged: 36y, 26d  
(1st wife of John T. Schiefer/D/O of Rev.  
Daniel Beahler and Ruhama Westfall Beahler)

## MIDDLE RUN CEMETERY (CONT'D)

STEPHENSON, Mary E. . . . .	1865	-	1934
" , Willa L . . . . .	1889	-	1975
" , William A . . . . .	1860	-	1905
WEAVER, Anna J. . . . .	1896	-	1980
	(D/O	JT & MJ Schiefer)	
" , Cecil E . . . . .	1891	-	1974
	(Husband of Anna J. Weaver)		
" , Inabelle. . . . .	03/22/1927	-	12/28/1936
	(D/O CE & AJ Weaver)		
" , James E . . . . .	B & D 12/15/1925		
	S/O CE & AJ Weaver		
" , Wane S. . . . .	08/28/1930	-	08/31/1930
	S/O CE & AJ Weaver		

Read by Earl and Matha Byrd--April 1989

# BIBLE RECORDS WANTED

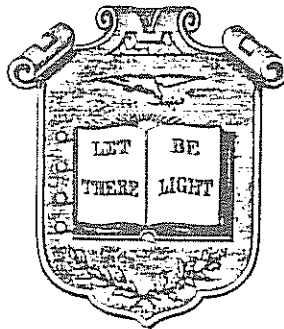
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*Charles H Osborn of Gilmer Co. W. Va.*

*and Cordelia F. Wiseman of Gilmer Co. W. Va.*

*on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1885 at D B Talbott's*

*by J P Anvil*

Witness:

*D. B. Talbott*

*John Wiseman*

# Births.

Charles H. Osborn.

Born Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Cordelia F. Osborn

Born Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1863.

Stata Osborn

Born Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> 1886.

Vesti Osborn

Born July 17<sup>th</sup> 1888.

Estella Osborn

Born August 8<sup>th</sup> 1890.

Brenny Osborn

Born Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 1892.

Holly Osborn

Born Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> 1900.

Theron C. Poe

Born Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> 1917.

Theda Melba Spurgeon.

Born Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1921

Mattha Rebecca Jones

Born Feb 20-1922

# Marriages

Stata Osborn &  
Earl Gibson

Married  
Feb 2 1908

Holly Osborne  
~~Bessie Spurgeon~~  
Holly

Married  
Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1920

Roy O Jones  
Veta Osborn

May 25 - 1927

John Teter

Nov 12 1922

Bessie Osborn

September, 30, 1934

Leta M. Hickman

Heda Spurgeon  
Joseph Riley

July 14 1942

Natka Jones  
Earl Byrd

May 28 - 1954

# Deaths

Cordeilia F. Osborn

Jan. 27 1944

~~Elizabeth F. Osborn~~

Feb. 7 1945

Stata Gibson

July 1959

Carl Gibson

Jun 1969

Vivian Peter

Dec 17 1974

John Peter

Feb. 20 1953

Roy O Jones

Nov 25 1973

Lucien Gibson

Oct 22 1975

Estella Pando

Dec 3 1972

Bill Pando

July 3 1971

Brennie Daborn

December 31 1975

Thelma Gibson Jones

Aug 26 1977

William Henry Osborn

Nov 29, 1840

Rhulma Osborn was born Nov 13 1841  
died Apr 24, 1867

Married the 7 of April 1861 by Rev Elisha Mitchell

William H. C. Osborn was born  
June 15 1862

William Henry Osborn was killed in  
battle Sept 19, 1864



From the Family Bible of Charles Henry Osborn

This Certifies  
That The Rite Of  
Holy Matrimony  
Was Celebrated Between

Charles H Osborn of Gilmer Co. WVa  
and Cordelia F Wiseman of Gilmer Co. WVa  
on the 18th day of Nov. 1885 at D B Talbotts  
by J P Auvil

Witnesses:  
D B Talbott  
John Wiseman

#### BIRTHS

Charles H. Osborn	Born Jan 11th 1865
Cordelia F. Osborn	Born Jan 1st 1863
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Holly Osborn	Born Jan 24th 1900
Theron E Roe	Born Feb 9th 1917
Theda Melba Spurgeon	Born Sept 4th 1921
Matha Dorcas Jones	Born Feb 20 1933

#### MARRIAGES

Stata Osborn & Earl Gibson	Feb 2 1908
Holly Osborn & Bennie Spurgeon	Nov 5 1920 (Div)
Holly Spurgeon Osborne & Roy O Jones	May 25 1927
Vesti Osborn & John Teter	Nov 12 1922
Brennie Osborn & Leta M. Hickman	Sept 30 1934
Theda Spurgeon & Joseph Riley	July 14 1942
Matha Jones & Earl Byrd	May 28 1954

#### DEATHS

Cordelia F. Osborn	Jan 27 1944
Charles H Osborn	Feb 7 1945
Stata Gibson	July 1959

DEATHS (CON'T)

Earl Gibson	Jan 1969
Vesti Osborn	Dec 17 1974
John Teter	Feb 20 1953
Roy O Jones	Nov 25 1973
Loren Gibson	Oct 28 1975
Estella Pond	Dec 3 1972
Bill Pond	July 3 1971
Brennie Osborn	December 31 1975
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This is from the family record pages of the Bible of Charles Henry Osborne who lived between Vadis (Lewis Co) and Troy (Gilmer Co) on a farm that had belonged to his father-in-law, Benjamin B. Wiseman. Charles bought the farm from the B. B. Wiseman heirs. The records from the Bible aren't very old, as some that have been previously printed, but Charles Osborne was descended from the Hackers Creek Settlers being the great grandson of Alexander and Mary (Straley) West; and the great grandson of Robert and Mary (Henry) Means and Joseph and Rhoda (Romine) Osborne. His mother was Rulina West, daughter of Christian and Mary "Polly" Reid West. Charels' father William Henry Osborne, son of Joseph and Mariah (Means) Osborn was killed at Winchester, Frederick Co, Va on the 19th of September, 1864, just a few day short of four months before Charles was born. Charles had an older brother, William McClelland Osborne. Rulina West Osborn applied for Widows Pension on the 15th of November, 1864. On the 24th of April, 1867, Rulina died of consumption leaving two orphaned boys. On the 10th of June 1867, Rulina's brother Charles West, was appointed guardian of the two boys but he died the 5th of July, 1869, again leaving the two boys without a

guardian. They evidently lived with their grandfather, Christian West, because they are listed with him in the 1870 Gilmer Co, WV census. Christian died the 9th of July, 1873. After that, the two boys lived with and worked for various West relatives.

A few months before Charles and Cordelia were married, he bought a 100 acre farm on Pike Run, Gilmer Co, WV from James F. West and wife. After B. B. Wiseman died in 1896, they bought his farm from the heirs and lived there the remainder of their lives. The house was a two story log, which was remodeled and added to several times and became a very comfortable home. Their home was always open to family and friends and Charles was much respected for his moral and Christian views. They were members of the Vadis Baptist Church, which no longer stands. Friends and relatives called Charles by his nickname, Bubbie.

The following is the family of Christian West (B: ca 1800/D: 09 Jul 1873) and Mary "Polly" Reid (B: 17 Jun 1800/D; 27 Oct 1869). They were married in Lewis Co, WV 21 Apr 1822.

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|--------------|-----------|------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Mary      | B: ca     | 1826 |                               |
| 2. Rachel    | B: 26 Mar | 1829 | Married Isaac Williams        |
| 3. James     | B:        | 1831 | Married Margaret Ann Waugh    |
| 4. Alexander | B:        | 1833 | Married Matilda Means Loveall |
| 5. Charles   | B:        | 1836 | Married Lucinda Osborne       |
| 6. Rulina    | B: 13 Nov | 1841 | Married William H. Osborne    |

Following are the children of Joseph Osborne (B: 1802-6/D: 14 Feb 1890), and Mariah Means (B: ca 1813/D: 11 Oct 1895).

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|------------------|-----------|------|--|
| 1. Joseph        | B:        | 1827 | Married Harriet Johnson                          |
| 2. Eda           | B:        | 1831 | Married John J Hinzman                           |
| 3. Lucinda       | B:        | 1833 | Married Charles West                             |
| 4. Mary          | B: 17 Apr | 1834 | Married #1 William Hurst<br>#2 Geo. W. Alexander |
| 5. Melinda       | B: 05 Aug | 1836 | Died: 10 Jul 1845                                |
| 6. Granville     | B:        | 1840 | Married Rebecca A. Steel                         |
| 7. William Henry | B: 13 Jun | 1842 | Married Rulina West                              |
| 8. Marshall      | B:        | 1844 | Married Clarissa Springston                      |
| 9. John Wesley   | B:        | 1848 | Married #1 Sarah Sprouse<br>#2 Sally Charity     |
| 10. Sophia       | B:        | 1850 | Married Washington P. Sprouse                    |

## QUERIES

1. Seek the parents of John (E. or L.) SMITH who died in the Civil War. He resided in Upshur, Doddridge Harrison counties. His wife was Charlotte HYDE. Sharon SPOUSE BRAMHALL, 5312 Devon Drive, North Olmsted, OH 44070.
2. Need ancestor of Walter FIELD born 1734 Bucks Co, PA, died 1823 at McWhorter Mills, (W)V, and buried at Harmony Cemetery, two miles north of Jane Lew. Candara H. MILLER, 8314 Hadley, Overland Park, KS 66212.
3. Wish to correspond with WALKER researchers who may have my answer for 3rd g. grandfather, Travis WALKER, b 1786, VA, m. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, d. Jul 1869 Lewis or Harrison Co, WV. Need parents and wife's maiden name. Seek info on family of Jonathan E. BENNETT, b 1804, s/o Moses and Phoebe CASTO BENNETT; Jonathan m. Patience MC CLAIN and had at least 4 children. Were there more? When and where did he die? Need SMITH data on (a) John SMITH and wife (AnNie? Unis?). Who were parents of Nimrod SMITH, 1802-1866; Nimrod m. Jane THRASHER in Hardy Co. (W)V 18 Sep 1836; need children of both generations. (b) Thomas SMITH whose will is recorded in Harrison Co, WV, 1796, m. Elizabeth KINSEY. Need parentage for both. Patti HICKMAN, Rt. 3 Box 239 E, Bridgeport, WV 26330
4. Need info re early marriages from 1750+ for Ludwig (Lewis) BUSH, George Adam BUSH, Margareta BUSH, and Johannes BUSH. Philip E. BUSH, 5445 1/2 Lewis Ave., Toledo, OH 43612.
5. Would like to correspond with COTTRELL or JARVIS descendants of: Thomas Cottrell, Sr., b. 22 Jan 1762, Georges Creek, PA, d. 1850-50 Calhoun Co, (W)V, m. Mary "Polly" O'ERIEN. Thomas was s/o Andrew COTTRELL and an Indian woman; he served as an Indian spy during the Revolutionary War. John JARVIS, d. ca 1829 Lewis Co., m. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_, and had a number of children, most of whom settled in Calhoun Co. Known children: Solomon, James, Caleb, Hannah, Katherine, Thomas F., Salley, Millie and Joseph. Linda Lee LEE, 262 Pine Circle, Dunbar, WV 25064 PH 304-768-2207

6. Desire to exc. family info on Zacariah ELLISON 1791, Angelines Ferry, Buckhannon River; Jacob REAGER 1776, Reager Settlement, Buckhannon River, Cottrill TALEOT 1780, Hacker's Creek, Elizabeth Ann TALEOT, mother of Cottrill, Andrew and Samuel COTTRILL 1771-1830 West Fork River at now Clarksburg, WV. Marshall SHORE, 211 E. Mesquite Ave., Palm Springs, CA 92264
7. Will answer all letters pertaining to my g. grandparents, James and Sarah ROBINSON/ROBERSON/ROBISON Find them living in Lewis Co, 1850 census. Children: James, Joseph, Henrietta, John and Margaret. Margaret J. MASON, RD 2 Box 119, New Martinsville, WV 26155
8. Have the 1925 Lewis County map which shows a town named BLAKE in the Collins Settlement district. My grandmother was Charlotte BLAKE, so I would like to correspond with anyone who knows anything about the town of Blake. Joyce BRANNON BURKHARDT, 27009 Tanager Rd., Richmond, VA 23228
9. Seek parents of William HALL who m. Mary Ann LOWTHER, d/o Jesse, 2 Jun 1814, Harrison Co, VA. He was b. Loudoun Co, VA, 1792, d. Roane Co, WV, 1873. She was b. Harrison Co, VA, d. Roane Co, 1876, ae 86 yrs. He had several bros., one of them, Richard HALL, settled at Jane Lew, Lewis Co. Mrs. C. G. BERTRAM, 5200 Errittany Dr., So Apt. 208, St. Petersburg, FL 33715.
10. Seek proof of birth, marriage and death of Thomas POWERS and Pamela HART and their son, Elhugh POWERS. Thomas, s/o William POWERS of Harrison/Lewis Co. Thomas lived at Jane Lew, Lewis Co., and Staats Mill, Jackson Co.; Pamela lived in Randolph, Lewis and Jackson counties. Son Elhugh m. Charlott DAVIS 4 Mar 1841 in Harrison County and d. 1892 Staats Mill. Charlott d. Apr 1886 Staats Mill. Nancy G. PETERSON, 89 Appleweed Dr., Chillicothe, OH 45601
11. Seek data on the following children of William CLARK and Eve POWERS: Robert Manley, Daniel W., James, Able, Washington, Elizabeth, Mahela, Susannah, and Valentine Southall. All lived Lewis or Hardy Co. Children were named in lawsuit by Able CLARK over land from his grandfather, Valentine POWERS.

